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JAPANESE PUSH ON IN MALAYA

CAPTURE OF THREE TOWNS CLAIMED

JAPANESE units have entered a "certain key city in Negri Sembilan," and occupied Seremban, 130 miles from Singapore, and Sepang, 60 miles south-west of Kuala Lumpur, according to Tokyo reports.

In London the only information available is that the British retreat is continuing, and in Eastern Malaya the Japanese claim that all of Pa..ang State, north of the Pahang River, is in their hands, and that British resistance to the Johore border is virtually crushed.

In the Philippines, north-west of Manila, U.S. troops repulsed two strong reconnaissance attacks.

Japanese claims include:—Singapore—Aircraft from a Malayan base raided the island, destroying six 'planes on the ground and "effectively bombing" military objectives in the city. In day raids, military targets were "blasted", and four Buffalo fighters shot down. Malaya—Air units, "pursuing the British retreat from Kuala Lumpur, destroyed twenty lorries and nine lorries loaded with soldiers and supplies." In Eastern Malaya—"The only large" force of British troops still in Pahang is the 9th Division, which is said to be seeking cover amid the wooded mountains of the central area, with the Japanese in pursuit.—(Reuter.)

ADVANCE BASES ON ISLANDS

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — A *communiqué* issued by the War Department reads:—

"Philippine Theatre—The enemy yesterday made two determined attacks which were in the nature of reconnaissance in force. These attacks were well supported by artillery and aircraft, and both were repulsed by our troops with the Japanese suffering heavy losses. American and Philippine casualties were comparatively small. Hostile air operations were confined to support of ground troops. No attacks were made on our fortifications.

"Reports received from Mindanao and Jolo indicate that the Japanese are establishing advance bases on these islands from which to support attacks on Malaya and the Netherlands Indies.

"Netherlands Indies—Three American bombing 'planes, co-operating with the forces of the Netherlands Indies, attacked a Japanese naval force engaged in landing operations in the Tarakan area of Borneo. Unfavourable weather conditions made it difficult to determine the results of the attack. However, it is known that two enemy lighters were destroyed. Our 'planes returned to their base undamaged."—(Reuter.)

AID FOR BURMA

RANGOON, Wednesday.—"Further anti-aircraft reinforcements have arrived in Burma, and more are on the way," says an official *communiqué*. "Ground *personnel* for aircraft has also arrived. An aerodrome north of Rangoon was raided early this morning, but there was no damage to R.A.F. property or injuries to *personnel*. Four enemy 'planes this afternoon raided Tavoy, but there were no casualties or damage."—(Reuter.)

CHUNGKING, Wednesday.—Reuter's correspondent here states: "Foreign military officers returning fom the Changsha front confirm that Japanese casualties amount to at least 40,000 killed and wounded. The fields outside the Hunan capital are literally full of Japanese dead. They say that they never witnessed such fierce and sustained close-quarter fighting. The Sino-Japanese positions were in some places only three yards apart. Foreign missionaries in Changsha confirmed that the Japanese never entered the city."

PAHANG OCCUPIED

LONDON, Wednesday. — Japan claims that the entire State of Pahang, which adjoins Johore, is now in Japanese hands, says German radio. It is also claimed that Japanese 'planes sunk seven ships in the Straits of Malacca.—(The A.P.)

The Domei News Agency claims that Japanese forces had reached the City of Tampin, in the south of Negri, Sembilan province, near the Malacca border. Tampin is only 120 miles from Singapore.—(Reuter.)

WASHINGTON.—The United States Treasury announced that many millions of dollars worth of assets in the Philippines had been destroyed to prevent them falling in the hands of the Japanese.—(Associated Press.)

JAPANESE ADVANCE

Wednesday.—A Tokyo report, broadcast by Paris radio, claimed that the Japanese army on the east coast of Malaya had advanced a further twenty miles in the direction of Singapore.—(Associated Press.)

SINGAPORE, Wednesday.—"British aircraft in Burma have continued the bombing of the Japanese-occupied parts of Thailand," says Singapore radio. "All our 'planes returned safely."

Direct hits were scored on four Japanese transports when Netherlands aircraft attacked shipping off Tarakan Island to-day, according to a Batavia communiqué.—(Reuter.)

ACCUMULATED BONUS FOR G.N.R. EMPLOYES

PAYMENTS TO BEGIN ON FRIDAY WEEK

On next Friday week some 1,200 Great Northern Railway employés in the twenty-six counties will receive the accumulation of the weekly war bonus which has been piling up since August 1st last.

Since that date the company's Northern Ireland employés have received the bonus, but owing to the operation of Emergency Powers (No. 83) Order the twenty-six county employés were debarred from participating. Last month Mr. Lemass, in a letter to the general manager of the Great Northern Railway, conveyed the Government's decision so to amend Order No. 83 as to allow these employés to receive the bonus.

The bonus will amount to 2s. 6d. per week for senior and 1s. 3d. per week for junior employés, and will cost the company about £2,000 in a full year.

BOMBS ON SHETLANDS

The British Air Ministry last night stated:—

"This morning an enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a point in the Shetlands, causing neither damage nor casualties.

"In the afternoon a single raider which appeared off the south-east coast was intercepted by our fighters and severely damaged, but owing to bad visibility its destruction could not be confirmed."

Raiding 'planes were operating in the Thames estuary area, in coastal parts of East Anglia, and in South-West England in the early part of the night. Activity, however, was generally very slight, and some time later there were no reports of bombs.

Bombs dropped in South-West England last night did little damage and caused no casualties.

WITHHOLDING OF GRAIN DENIED

MINISTER DEFENDS ACT OF CENSOR

A DENIAL of the statement made recently by Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister for Supplies, that the farmers were withholding grain, was made in the Senate yesterday by Mr. P. Baxter, who asked the House to approve a motion requesting the Government to fix the price of wheat at 50s. per barrel.

The shortage in the grain return from the harvest was due, he said, to a wrong calculation by the Government, who had placed too high an estimate on the yield.

He protested against the application of the Censorship Act to discussion on grain prices, and said that the use of the Government's powers of censorship in this manner was a grave injustice to the nation and the people. Farmers were not sowing winter wheat because the price offered did not justify the risks, but they were not permitted to say that publicly. The mentality of many farmers would have been changed if the Government had offered 50s. a barrel for wheat. In the North of Ireland thousands of acres of crops had not been harvested, and there was the danger that in driving people into ploughing they could not reap the harvest afterwards.

MINISTER'S REPLY

Dr. J. RYAN, Minister for Agriculture, expressed the belief that farmers were withholding wheat, and it was not helpful to suggest that the statement of the Minister for Supplies was made with malice. The Ministry was not unhappy about the position, and the present price was a good price. It was natural for farmers to keep a little more for seed and for their families, and they would not be blamed so long as they did not overdo it. The Government was anxious to ascertain what quantity of wheat over what the farmers needed was in the country.

If the Censor had suppressed proposals for an increased price he was doing his duty to protect the country in the emergency. He did not interfere with public opinion until the Dail had made a decision in the matter, and the Censor was entitled to see that the Government had the necessary support in its attitude. Now, in as serious a fight as if there was a war here, they were stopping criticism. When the Government was doing its best to get wheat grown the Censor was perfectly entitled to prevent others from making statements to the newspapers which would have the effect of making the farmers hold out for a better price. The price was fixed, and it was not going to be changed. It was possible there had been a miscalculation about the wheat expected from the harvest, but it was obvious that there had been exaggeration about the acreage sown.

The Minister added that there was not much to be said for growing rye on a large scale, because it was subject to virus disease.

The debate was adjourned till to-day.

NORTHERN MINISTER IN LONDON

Sir Basil Brooke, Minister of Commerce and War Production Chief in Northern Ireland, has arrived in London to consult with British Ministers on various problems arising out of Northern Ireland's war effort.

He is accompanied by Mr. W. D. Scott, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, and, it is understood, will stay in London for three or four days.

ABBEYFEALE MURDER CHARGE

The case of Lawrence O'Connor, charged with the murder of James Collins at Abbeyfeale, East, on 24th December, was again before Mr. Kenny at Abbeyfeale Court yesterday, when Superintendent Mulcahy, in a deposition, stated that he was informed by the Governor of Limerick Prison that the accused man was certified insane by Dr. Roche Kelly and unfit to attend Court. He applied for a further remand to Adare Court on Wednesday, 21st inst.

Mr. Kenny, granting the remand, said that he would like to know the view of the Attorney-General for the next Court.

WORK ON RUSHBROOKE DOCKS

It was stated in Cork yesterday that it is hoped to have the Rushbrooke Docks ready for work in the near future. The installation of repair plant is proceeding with all possible speed, and some of the machinery has actually been erected. More has been purchased and is due to arrive any day. At the moment the entrance to the dock is being dredged by the Cork Harbour Board dredgers. A number of skilled and unskilled men have found employment on the erection of machinery, but no large number of men will be required until the first ship actually arrives for repairs.

KILLED IN DECEMBER AIR RAIDS

The British Ministry of Home Security announces that 34 people were killed (or missing and believed killed) in air raids on the United Kingdom during December, and that 55 were injured and detained in hospital.

LATE NEWS

TWO SHOT IN PARIS

VICHY, Wednesday.

Two men—citizens of Paris—sentenced to death for illegal possession of arms, were shot in Paris, say the German authorities.—(Reuter.)

SALMON LEAP MILLS FIRE OUTBREAK

Dublin Fire Brigade were called at four o'clock this morning to an outbreak of fire at the Salmon Leap Mills, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, the property of Messrs. Wookey and Sons, Ltd., flock manufacturers. The fire broke out in the flock shed, and considerable damage was done to the stock.

Double Wedding—From left: Mr. J. H. Black, Miss H. E. Notley, Miss P. E. J. Notley and Mr. D. W. H. Odlum.
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STORE CATTLE EXPORTS TO BE RESUMED NEXT MONTH

THE export of store cattle will be resumed on February 1st. This was announced by Dr. J. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, in the Senate yesterday.

He revealed that export of cattle in 1941, which was confined to less than three months owing to disease, was 450,000 head, shipped on the hoof and as meat. This was only 200,000 less than in preceding years.

The Minister said that the Order prohibiting exports of stores was imposed because it was necessary to get rid of fat grass-fed cattle which would lose condition if kept any longer unless fed on grain. Exporters were inclined to ship fat cattle as stores, and they were appropriated as "fats" on the other side of the Channel. Owners, too, were holding out for a better price for "fats," but the Department had failed to get it. Even now there was some difficulty in filling the ships with "fats," but they hoped to have them disposed of by the end of the month.

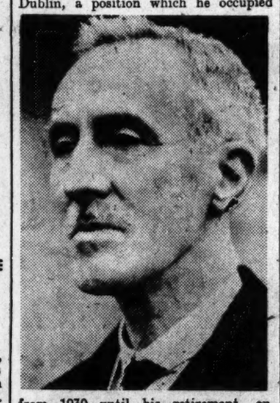
NO RESTRICTION ON NUMBERS

"Shipping of stores will be resumed then," he said, "on a much larger scale, because there will be no restriction on numbers, and we may succeed in getting the age limit for stores reduced. I think when the shipping of stores is resumed it will not take long to get rid of the surplus, and secure a return to a trade which will be normal and good."

DEATH OF MR. GERALD SHERLOCK

FIRST CITY MANAGER OF GREATER DUBLIN

The death took place yesterday at his residence, 55 Lansdowne road, Dublin, of Mr. Gerald Sherlock, who was first City Manager of Greater Dublin, a position which he occupied



from 1930 until his retirement, on October 1st, 1936.

Born in Dublin, sixty-five years ago, Mr. Sherlock was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Sherlock, editor of the *Irish Weekly News* and *Young Ireland*. He was educated at the Christian Brothers' Schools, North Richmond street, and entered the service of the Dublin Corporation in 1894. In a few years he became chief clerk in the Engineer's Office, a position which he held for 15 or 16 years, until his appointment as Manager of the Dublin Waterworks. After a period as Secretary of the Waterworks Committee, the next step in his promotion was his appointment as Assistant Town Clerk, and in time he succeeded to the post of Town Clerk. After the period in which the affairs of the city were in the hands of three Commissioners, Mr. Sherlock was appointed City Manager and Town Clerk. In regard to the latter appointment, he was named in the Greater Dublin Act of 1930 as the City Manager and Town Clerk, a thing without precedent in the history of local government administration, but which showed how highly Mr. Sherlock was thought of by the responsible department.

During his period of office as City Manager, the movement to provide better housing accommodation for the poor of Dublin was begun, and the launching of some of the larger building schemes owed much to his financial ability. He also carried out a great deal of work during his period of service with the Corporation in connection with the two large extensions of the city area—one in 1901 and the other in 1930—and also in connection with the development of the city's electrical supply and waterworks. Mr. Sherlock was also responsible for work in connection with the construction of many new arterial roads and bridges, such as Annesley and Herberton Bridges, the setting up of the Municipal Art Gallery in Parnell square, the erection and equipment of six new libraries, and the provision of a large number of open spaces and playgrounds. He always maintained excellent relations with the officials and the workmen of the Corporation, and his tact and ability won the admiration of its elected members.

Mr. Sherlock, who is survived by his wife and two daughters, was a good musician, with an excellent knowledge of French and Irish. He was selected to read the address of welcome in English and Latin on behalf of the Corporation to the late Cardinal Lorenzo Lauri, on his arrival in Dublin as Papal Legate at the Eucharistic Congress of 1932. He was a brother of Dr. Lorcan Sherlock, the present City Sheriff, and was uncle of Dr. Thomas Sherlock Wheeler and the Rev. Thomas Sherlock, Headmaster of St. Edmund's College, Ware.

FIERCE SOVIET OFFENSIVE

SERIOUS THREAT TO MOZHAISK "BULGE"

ACCORDING to Russian reports the German armies in the Moscow area are in a perilous position. An "Izvestia" writer says that with the capture of Dorokhovo, about twelve miles east of Mozhaisk, the "last German zone of positional warfare" on the central front has been removed.

General Zhukov, the Soviet Commander, is now pressing the offensive against the town, which the Germans have converted into a fortress.

While General Kuznetsov forces his way forward from Stavitsa towards Rzhev, the North-Western city astride the Volga, still held by the Germans, the southern arm of the Russian pincer is menacing the vital railway line from Bryansk, 230 miles south-west from Moscow, to Smolensk.

PRESSURE AT OREL

According to authoritative information in London, the Russians are now only 40 miles from this railway, and their penetration constitutes very serious danger, for the Germans, confronted not only with this threat to their supply line, but with a Soviet advance on such a scale that it stretches over a breadth of fifty miles—from Mosalsk to Lyudinov, which is forty miles north of Bryansk.

Eighty miles to the east Russian pressure all around Orel, the main pivot and supply centre of the right wing of the German offensive against Moscow is being maintained.

Around Leningrad operations on three sectors threaten the German positions. Pushing along the Volkhov Valley, General Fedyuninsky's armoured troops are moving west towards the German fortified positions. On the Karelian front Finnish troops, losing in one sector 3,000 killed and wounded, have been dislodged from an important township, and at the other end of the 2,000-mile front Marshal Timoshenko's south-western armies, only 12 miles from Kharkov, are forcing their way forward on all sectors.

2,000-MILE DRIVE CONTINUED

KUIBYSHEV, Wednesday. — M. Lozovsky, Soviet official spokesman, has stressed the fact that the Soviet advance is continuing along the whole front. It is difficult to convey exactly what that means, and especially to give an adequate idea what it means in terms of the maintenance of supplies. Reports recently in the Soviet Press have again illustrated the fact that the offensive is spread over the whole length of the immense front.

M. Lozovsky not only mentioned the Moscow sector, where the German divisions, massed for the October and November drives, are still crowded, but commented that the Germans and Finns did not expect that in the far north—the Murmansk front—the Soviet troops would be able to continue their action amid the winter cold and a half-illumined gloom lasting a few hours daily. Nevertheless, even in those regions of bleak hills and rock-hard earth, the steady Soviet pressure continues.

The most severe fighting is at present taking place on the outskirts of a large town ringed by the Germans with strong defensive positions. Timoshenko's men have severed this ring at one point, and the Germans have now been obliged to throw in more men in an effort to prevent the break through widening.

The Soviet midnight communiqué announces that Medyn, 25 miles due west of Maloyaroslavets, on the Moscow front, has been recaptured.

ARCHITECTS' BILL IN THE SENATE

'EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS,' MINISTER SAYS

DESCRIBING the claims made for it as preposterously extravagant, the MINISTER for INDUSTRY and COMMERCE told the Senate yesterday that the Government was not prepared at present to facilitate the enactment of an Architects' (Registration) Bill.

The Minister said that a case could be made for such a bill, but not at the present time, and when it was made it should be on the basis of public interest. The Vocational Commission was preparing a report which would be available during the year, and the Royal Institute of Architects in Ireland had submitted proposals to the Commission. "We should wait and see what observations the Commission will make on them, and what the general character of the report will be, before facilitating the enactment of legislation of this kind."

Mr. J. G. DOUGLAS, who moved the second reading of the bill, asked the House to send it to a special Committee to report on it. He claimed that the adoption of the principle of registration of architects would be in the public interest, and the bill, he said, was put forward solely as a measure of public policy.

It was highly desirable that some system of registration of architects should be in force when the war came to an end, as it would provide for reciprocal recognition for practice in Great Britain, where extensive rebuilding would be undertaken after hostilities ceased.

Professor TIERNEY seconded the bill.

The second reading of the bill was carried by 26 votes to 21. There voted:

For—Senators Alton, Barniville, Baxter, Butler, Campbell, Conlon, Counihan, Crosbie, Cummins, Douglas, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Foran, M. Hayes, Jos. Johnston, Sir John Keane, MacDermot, MacFhionnlaoich, McGee, The McGillicuddy of the Reeks, McLoughlin, Madden, O'Donovan, Parkinson, Rowlette, Tierney.

Against—Senators Blaney, Byrne, Mrs. Concannon, Goulding, Hawkins, Sean Hayes, Healy, Kehoe, Miss Kennedy, Kelly, McCabe, McEllin, Magennis, O Buachalla, O'Callaghan, O'Dwyer, Miss Pearse, Quirke, Ruane, Stafford, Tunney.

SOLDIER ON MURDER CHARGE

George Barrett, a soldier in the British Army, was at Ballymena yesterday charged with the murder on December 24 of Patrick Knowles, a textile worker, of Dunygaron, Cullybackey. Barrett was remanded in custody. Knowles was found lying on the roadside on Christmas Eve badly injured, and he died the following Saturday. An open verdict was returned at the inquest.

"IMPORTANT LOCALITY" TAKEN

Moscow Radio told yesterday how a Red Army unit, commanded by Senior Lieutenant Sorokin, drove the Germans out of a strongly fortified area on the bank of a river, occupying an "important locality" on the central front.—(Reuter.)

M. Kalinin, President of the Soviet Republic, has visited re-captured Kalinin (named after him) on Sunday and Monday last, as well as other places recently liberated from the Germans, states Moscow radio.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—The Finnish Legation here announced today that it had received a telegram from Helsinki denying that Finland had extended peace feelers to the Soviet Union. The Legation spokesman said the Finnish Government had informed him that there was no basis for the rumours that German troops were withdrawing from Finnish territory.—(Reuter.)

NO WOMEN GUNNERS FOR BRITAIN

Suggestions that there would be more women recruits in khaki if they were allowed to enlist in the Gunners and Signals and become part of the corps which made up the Army, have been received by the War Office, said Lieut.-General Sir Ronald F. Adam, Adjutant-General of the British Forces, at the Royal United Services' Institution, London.

The War Office had steadfastly refused to do this, as they contended that women should be in a women's service, with welfare and discipline dealt with by women.

DUBLIN GIRL KILLED IN BELFAST

An open verdict was returned at the inquest in Belfast yesterday on Joan O'Toole, aged 19, a native of Dublin, who died following injuries received when alighting from a 'bus at Garnerville road terminus during the blackout.

The Coroner (Dr. H. P. Lowe) said her death was due to the negligence of the conductor of the 'bus. He did not think there was any responsibility on the driver, who had acted on the conductor's signal when reversing.

U-BOAT CLAIMS FOUR SHIPS

Yesterday's German *communique* says:—"A U-boat, commanded by Captain Luet, in a bitter fight with a strongly escorted convoy in the Atlantic, sank four enemy merchant ships, aggregating 21,000 tons."—(Reuter.)

FOR BOMB VICTIMS

New Compensation Plan in the Senate

THE Government's scheme of compensation for personal injuries arising through bombing by belligerent forces has been revised, and additional allowances have been included.

Under the original scheme, where the scale of compensation was based upon the Workmen's Compensation Act, dependents of an injured person were not provided for in the maximum payment of 30s. weekly. Now, however, the dependents are brought into the scheme as in the case of fatal injuries.

Allowances also are to be made, instead of lump sums, in fatal cases where dependency was total or almost total.

Announcing the details of the new scheme in the Senate yesterday, Mr. S. T. O'KELLY, Minister for Finance, said that it would be out of the question to frame schemes which would have the effect of providing compensation for all classes of society by reference to widely varying incomes.

"The fact is," he said, "that we do not know where we stand in regard to compensation. So far, we have been fortunate in that the incidents giving rise to claims have been few, but the future is highly uncertain, and it is incumbent to proceed on the basis of what the State could reasonably afford should further incidents occur. We cannot, moreover, ignore the possibility that, in spite of all our efforts to maintain neutrality, we might find ourselves embroiled in the war, with a resultant very big bill for compensation, not only for personal injuries, but also for property. As Minister for Finance, I cannot ignore the contingency of damage to property and death and injury on a wholesale scale resulting in an enormous liability.

"Our citizens," he said, "are clearly entitled to make such claims as they consider proper. We shall do what we can to secure the utmost measure of compensation from the Government concerned. It may be argued that where a belligerent Government accepted responsibility, there should be no need to measure compensation by standards adapted to our own purse, but we are faced with the fact that it has not been possible in all past cases to secure foreign acceptance and responsibility, and it might not be possible in all, or in any cases, which might occur in the future. We must necessarily proceed on the basis that liability might have to be borne finally by the Exchequer."

DEPENDENCY

The MINISTER FOR FINANCE said that he did not propose to make awards of compensation in respect of dependents of deceased non-earners unless necessitous circumstances were established. It was proposed that partial dependency in fatal cases should be dealt with on a lump sum basis where the merits of the case were established, and that any such grants should be measured by Workmen's Compensation Act standards. No payments could be made in respect of persons who had been only partially dependent on an injured person in receipt of compensation. It was proposed also to include in the scheme, in addition to members of the family of injured or deceased, a child in respect of whom the injured or deceased had placed himself *in loco parentis*, and, instead of adhering to the limit of 15 years applicable to juvenile dependency, he had decided that allowances in respect of children would be payable up to 18 years, unless they were prevented by physical or mental infirmity from supporting themselves, in which instances allowances would be payable up to 70 years. He proposed also in the case of disablement awards to provide an allowance for the housekeeper of a widower or widow residing with him or her to look after the dependents.

He had felt constrained, he said, while making additional provision for dependents, to adhere, in the case of disabled men or women who were earners, to the maximum of 30s. a week provided for in the original scheme. He could not, with prudence, provide for a more liberal rate where there were no dependents. For earners under 18 years of age the maximum rate would be 15s. a week; for non-earners over 18 years the maximum rate would be 18s. a week, and for non-earners under 18 years 9s. a week. He proposed that allowances to dependents of disabled persons should be paid at the following maximum rates:—

THE ALLOWANCES

In respect of dependent wife or husband, or in respect of any female person residing with a widow or widower for the purpose of having the care of his children—7s. 6d. a week; in respect of each dependant other than husband or wife—4s. a week. Disablement allowances would be reducible by reference to the percentage degree of disability.

In the case of fatal injuries he proposed the following allowances:—

For a widow over 45 years of age, or, if under that age, in receipt of an allowance in respect of a dependant, or incapable of earning—18s. a week; for a widow under 45 years of age, not in receipt of an allowance in respect of a dependant, and capable of earning—12s. 6d. a week; for a widower dependent on deceased wife and incapable of earning—18s. a week; in respect of dependants while living with a widow or widower, 5s. a week, and after the death of the widow or widower, 7s. 6d. a week; for dependants of an unmarried man or widower or of an unmarried woman or widow—7s. 6d. a week. The widows allowance would cease on re-marriage, and an allowance in respect of any other female dependant would cease on marriage.

He could not agree to the suggestion put forward by Senator Foran, that disabled persons entitled to National Health Insurance benefit should be entitled to draw both benefit and the appropriate rate of compensation. The On the suggestion of the Minister, it was decided to discuss the new proposals at a later date.

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Racing Gossip

Likely "Long Shots" For Red Cross 'Chase

(BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.)

IN the lists of bookmakers' prices that have appeared on the Red Cross Steeplechase Prince Regent figures as favourite at 2 to 1, St. Martin second favourite at 4 to 1, Golden Jack and Waving Star are quoted at tens, and Drumbilla at 14 to 1. Amongst a batch of seven quoted at 20 to 1 are Dalmatian and Prince Regent's stable companion, Mayerling, both of whom are bound to find many supporters at such remunerative odds. Mayerling, for all one knows, might be quite as good a horse as Prince Regent, for he has won his four races in smashing style, even admitting that he has not been put to any of the severe tests that the other has been. To back him each way at these odds seems a far better proposition than to accept 2 to 1 about Prince Regent ten days before the race.

Prince Regent's Jockey

All going well with Prince Regent in the meantime, there is no doubt that he will start favourite, and probably be at even a shorter price on the day of the race. People who draw him in the Red Cross Sweep certainly will be on good terms with themselves, and in a position to ensure themselves of a fortune should he win or lose. The stable arrangements are, I believe, that J. Brogan will ride Prince Regent, and E. Dempsey will have the mount on Mayerling. Brogan rode Prince Regent in his last race—that which he won at Naas—and was delighted with his ride, as he was entitled to be, since the horse never made the semblance of a mistake and was hardly ever out of a canter.

Goff's Sale

Messrs. Goff have selected a suitable date for their next sales in Friday, 23rd January, the day before the Red Cross 'Chase, when racing people from all parts of the country will be in town for the big event. Amongst the lots to be submitted are eight, the property of Miss Dorothy Paget—namely, Bright Child, Prince Achille, Golden Court, Praxitheles II., Colonial King, Atco, Mareta, and Sunglare.

Captain Darby Rogers, who may be called shortly for military service, is selling six horses including Darken, Dancing Years, Red Bar, and Johnny Pedler. The late Mr. John Doyle's Fishguard, a winner of three races in England and four in Ireland, is also included in the thirty-nine lots to be submitted for auction.

Brown Admiral

It appears that when Mr. A. D. Comyn's good steeplechaser, Brown Admiral, fell at the last fence, when leading the field in the Claremont Chase at Baldoyle on New Year's Day, he injured a leg, and will not run again for some time. It is particularly bad luck that a horse with such a fine record should be put out of action. Running in eleven races last year, he won eight and finished second in two others.

Horses in Training

C. Brabazon's Big Team at Ranger's Lodge

(BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.)

STEEPLECHASERS, hurdlers and flat racers make up a strong team at the Ranger's Lodge establishment for this season, and the number of two-year-olds is larger here than it ever has been. The increase in the size of the string is due chiefly to the advent of the horses owned by Sir Thomas Dixon and his brother, Lord Glentoran, and the majority of the juveniles were bred at the neighbouring New Abbey Stud, Kilcullen. Even in the days when he trained for Mr. R. S. Croker, Cecil Brabazon had nothing like so many two-year-olds under his charge, but his success with those horses at that time was very considerable, and augurs well for his prospects with his first-season representatives this year. With horses in the Croker colours he won the Leopardstown Grand Prize, the Baldoyle Patriotics, the Croker Cup at Limerick Junction, and, with Cedarhurst, the Phœnix Plate, as well as many other nice races, while he also saddled the late Colonel Clarke's Knight's Caprice to win the "Fifteen Hundred" in 1937 or five years after Cedarhurst had scored. Last year Brabazon won the Red Cross Steeplechase and the Galway Plate with Miss M. O. Mathieson's St. Martin, and his son, Aubrey, who has developed into one of the best cross-country jockeys, had the satisfaction of riding on each occasion. It was an excellent year for the stable, though necessarily not quite up to the standard of 1940, when Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer captured the inaugural Red Cross Steeplechase of £3,000, and subsequently won the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse. That season Cecil Brabazon topped the list of winning trainers with the splendid aggregate of £7,143 10s.

St. Martin and Mr. R. Sheehan's Ballyhooley are his candidates for the Red Cross event on January 24 at Leopardstown, but the former is set a more difficult task than was his on March 8 of last year, when he won the Irish Grand National at Cross in the easiest style with a mere 10-6. The three horses just named are the main 'chasing hopes of the stable, and promising recruits to hurdling are Ballintoi, Alger (already a winner), and Historical Revue.

The two-year-old colts and fillies by Berwick are well grown and good looking, and this member of the Pretty Polly family is surely getting splendid stock. The colt from Quay Hill, dam of Dunsevenick, who so distinguished himself on the racecourse during last season, is a grand stamp of individual. A nice youngster is the half-sister, by Monument, to the winner, Chain Bridge. The filly by Easton—Nem Soha is half-sister to six winners, including Nevertheless, and she holds many important engagements. The aptly-named Tillage was bred at the National Stud, and, half-sister to eight winners, she is also in the chief events. The chestnut by Bobsleigh—Miss Honor will be the first progeny of her dam to run. Bred at the Cloghran Stud, a great deal is at present thought of her. The filly by Fairford—Flying Meteor is half-sister to Gallagher and Never Set, and this is a very useful winning strain. The horses in training at Ranger's Lodge are:—

St. Martin, b. g., a., by Tommy Atkins—Dorcas.
Ballyhooley, b. g., a., by Jehangir—Lady Poland.
Jack Chaucer, br. g., a., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Miss Chaucer.
Ballintoi, b. g., 6 yrs., by Achtoi—Idria.
Slaney, br. g., 5 yrs., by Quarter Sessions—Fairy Path.
Garryowen, 5 yrs.
Alger, b. c., 4 yrs., by Windsor Lad—Abbey Wood.
Historical Revue, b. g., 4 yrs., by Pharian—Pansoviana.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Foam Crest, b. c., by Walvis Bay—Y-Not.
Ballynure, b. c., by Coup de Lyons—Tiger Toy.
Fellowship, ch. c., by His Reverence—Sweet Fairy.
Carlock, b. c., by Cariff—Argolis.
Chestnut filly by April the Fifth—Jolly Princess.
Laharna, b. f., by Loaningdale—Sweet Wall.
Brown filly by Felstead—Lisdoon.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Br. c. by Berwick—Quay Hill.
Br. c. by Berwick—Lisdoon.
B. c. by King Salmon—Amorist.
Br. c. by Berwick.
Br. f. by Berwick—Gilford.
Br. f. by Berwick—Roselake.
Bay filly by Berwick—Carnamony.
Ch. f. by Walvis Bay—Straffan Bridge.
B. f. by Easton—Nem Soha.
B. f. by Cariff—Rosebud.
Br. f. by September Errand—Marchesa.
B. f. by Monument—Grand Chain.
Br. f. by Fairford—Flying Meteor.
Tillage, br. f., by Morland—Tilia.
Ch. f. by Bobsleigh—Miss Honor.

Others for whom training:—Sir Thomas Dixon, Lord Glentoran, Lieutenant W. Ellis, Mr. M. Purcell, Captain H. L. Egan, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Livingston Learmouth, Miss M. O. Mathieson, Mrs. M. G. Scott, Major A. W. Watt, Mr. Joseph Masterson, Mr. S. J. Power, Mr. R. Sheehan, Major Kerr, Miss L. Brabazon.

Jockeys—H. Brabazon, S. McGrath (I.N.H.), John Power, E. Newman, K. Bell.

Greyhound Sale

Belfast Owner Pays Top Price

Messrs. Goff presented a catalogue of 109 lots yesterday at the Repository, Lower Mount street, Dublin. Though the top price did not exceed 52 guineas, the sale was satisfactory, as most of the lots sent up changed hands. Mr. J. Cunningham, a Belfast owner, bought Arch Gift and Trade Ration, and Mr. R. Gillespie, representing a cross-Channel syndicate, purchased a number of lots. Details:—

Property of Miss M. Scallon.

Arch Gift, f. r. d. (1940) (White Cuff—Viola o' Mine) (Mr. J. Cunningham) 52

Property of Mr. J. Tuohy.

Trade Ration, be. bd. d. (1940) (Jamestown—Trade Princess) (Mr. J. Cunningham) 46

Property of Mr. M. Walsh.

Never Easy, bk. d. (1940) (Tails—Elton Crossways) (Mr. R. Gillespie)..... 36

Property of Mr. J. Tyrrell.

Tom Toi, bd. d. (1940) (Running Riot—Tomnun) (Mr. R. Gillespie)..... 20

Property of Mr. C. Grihn.

Connaught Leader Again, bd. d. (1940) (Hedgeside—Miss Thorn) (Mr. R. Gillespie) 26

Connaught Miller, bd. d. (1940) (Balline Laddie—Flower Vale Noreen) (Mr. R. Gillespie)..... 24

Property of Mr. E. McCoey.

Heir To Surplus, w. bd. d. (1940) (Legal Heir—Rambling Briar) (Mr. J. D. Farrell) 41

Property of Mr. J. J. Colleton.

Carracloe Raven, bk. d. (1939) (Lone Man—Black Rance) (Mr. McEnroe). 31

Property of Mr. J. Christal.

Lawyer's Speed, bd. d. (1939) (Hidden Lawyer—Carenturley Lass) (Mr. Gallagher) 28

Property of Mr. P. J. Tobin.

Do It Again Dick, bk. d. (1940) (Jamestown—Jolly Swift) (Mr. R. Gillespie) 34

Property of Mr. C. McPike.

White Smith, bd. d. (1939) (Bank Director—Pine Tariff) (Mr. C. Property of Mr. Wheelan.

Big Cast, bk d. (1939) (Big Bang—Lady Cash) (Mr. C. Gallagher)... 36

Property of Mr. P. J. Fox.

Wireless Regent, bd. d. (1939) (Reigning Regent—Brilliant Moon) (Mr. P. Kelly) 36

Property of Mr. G. Lewis.

Tall Gangster, bd. d. (1940) (Rum Ration—Mossbrook) (Mrs. F. A. Smith) 20

Property of Mr. James Murphy.

Ringmahon, bd. d. (1940) (Jamestown—Valiant Doll) (Mr. J. J. Tuite)... 14

Property of Mr. L. Curran.

Kilmainham Lass, bd. b. (1938) (Mahon's Cutlet—Strong Sailing) (Mr. Stewart) 12

Property of Mrs. P. Barry.

Baylown Mystery, bk. d. (1938) (Valiant Cutlet—Certa Est) (Mr. Chetland) 11

Property of Mr. J. Power.

Good Farmer, bd. d. (1940) (Marshy Meadow—Waltzing I'll Be) (Mr. Maguire) 16

Property of Mr. J. Brennan.

Regal Rebel, bk. d. (1940) (Reigning Regent—Rebel Street) (Mr. R. Gillespie) 16

Property of Mr. W. Burke.

Inquisitive Lawyer, bd. d. (1939) (Beaded Lawyer—Curious Kathleen) (Mr. Marley) 11

Property of Mr. C. Ryan.

Count Belisarius, f. d. (1939) (All Together—Ganghan's Bridge) (Mr. N. Shaw) 14

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Rugby Football

Saturday's Senior Club List

IT is an excellent sign to see that the two Dublin clubs who are due to travel next Saturday are carrying out their engagements. Bective Rangers going to Limerick to meet Garryowen, and Clontarf departing in the opposite direction with Queen's University in view at Belfast. Bective will be without two of their backs, J. D. O'Connor and H. Cruise, and are trying a new out-half in J. O'Rourke. As Garryowen lack distinction this season, the strength of the Bective pack alone is likely to ensure victory. Clontarf have had a long run of success recently, and have settled down to a formidable combination. They will find the Queen's backs quite a problem, and the Belfast University's forwards are a useful lot also, but the solidity and steadiness in defence of Clontarf seem likely to carry them through.

Dublin University anticipate that University College, Cork will fulfil the attractive fixture in College Park. The football ought to be clever here, for the Cork side have proved themselves to be stronger in attack than defence. Wanderers, who win consistently, if seldom very convincingly, are likely to have an even struggle with North of Ireland, who are much as themselves, useful without being brilliant. C. Fox will again be absent from scrum-half for Wanderers. St. Mary's, possessed of a fine back division, but handicapped by too light a pack, may again find this factor too much for them when they entertain University College at Kimmage Grove, while Blackrock College, improving all the time from their disheartening start, are likely to run Old Belvedere to a reasonably close finish.

The big surprise of the club season was Palmerston's defeat of Lansdowne just before Christmas, but, well as Palmerston has played since, it is difficult to see them repeating that feat. Old Wesley would appear to be a slightly stronger side than Monkstown.

RUGBY CLUB RECORDS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Points.
Bective Rangers...	14	11	2	1	124	70	
Wanderers	15	11	2	2	173	54	
Clontarf	13	10	3	0	131	78	
Lansdowne	16	10	4	2	142	50	
Dolphin	11	9	2	0	115	47	20
Old Belvedere	14	9	3	2	126	91	
N.I.F.C.	8	6	1	1	85	58	
U.C.D.	13	6	7	0	101	121	
Malone	7	5	2	0	49	31	
U.C.C.	10	5	3	2	65	88	
Dublin University..	12	5	7	0	104	95	
Blackrock	13	5	8	0	99	115	
St. Mary's	14	5	7	2	82	114	
Bohemians	9	4	4	1	70	68	
Queen's University	9	4	5	0	115	59	
Old Wesley	13	4	9	0	66	84	
Garryowen	6	3	2	1	56	47	
Palmerston	14	3	11	0	54	122	
Cork Constitution..	7	2	4	1	32	42	
Sunday's Well	9	2	6	1	47	68	
Young Munster	4	1	3	0	16	32	
Collegians	6	1	5	0	43	109	
Instonians	6	1	5	0	14	62	
Monkstown	11	1	10	0	44	205	
Civil Service	2	0	2	0	0	19	

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Greystones.—Ladies—To-morrow: Medal, 9 holes, strokes.

Rathfarnham.—Saturday—Fourball, bogey, 18 holes.

Bray Head.—To-day—Scrapstakes, strokes; first 9 holes; medal prizes.

Gaelic Games

The Fitzgibbon and Railway Cups

(BY PAT'O.)

PREPARATIONS are forward for the 1942 Fitzgibbon Cup hurling between the Dublin, Cork and Galway University Colleges. Since the establishment of the Fitzgibbon competition, thirty years ago, Cork and Dublin rivalry has met equal success, and of recent years Galway has taken a stronger hand. The venues rotate between the three colleges. The 1940 venue was Cork; Belfield Park held the games last year, and Galway's turn comes at an opportune time, when strong efforts are being made to revive hurling in the Western College. The success of Connaught's secondary schools' team over Leinster and Munster in 1941 suggests a strengthening of this year's Fitzgibbon Cup team, with players from St. Mary's, Galway; St. Jarlath's, Tuam and C.B.S., Roscommon, contributing.

University College, Dublin, won an astonishing final in 1941. On their form against Galway, Cork were favourites, and they included several well-known inter-county players—the Beckett brothers, Jim Young and Jame O'Neill—among the number. Yet Dublin won very easily, giving the best all-round display of hurling yet seen in these keen competitions. Cork are eager to wipe out that defeat, but U.C.D. have a dozen of last year's winners in training, and their defeat at Galway will be a big surprise.

ULSTER'S STRENGTH

Railway Cup teams in hurling and football have been selected already, and the semi-finals early in February should provide fine games. I like the Ulster football selection this year—it has youth and pace. Connaught has made many changes, and Leinster will field a new team in many key positions. Kerry will again form the backbone of the Munster side, and the Cup is more open than ever.

Most likely Munster and Leinster hurlers will again contest the St. Patrick's Day final, and Munster are favourites. Time and again, however, the Southern hurlers have come to the Railway Cup final without a semblance of training. The 1942 final was the dullest in many years.

County Conventions occupy many venues next week-end. Transport continues to be a major problem, and I learn that there will be much grouping of programmes from now on. Even the Provincial Councils must select venues which ensure minimum travelling.

Dublin programmes are again in full swing, and surprises continue. Several clubs have lost prominent players through migration to England, and South suffered heavily. Round Towers' shock for Clanna-Gael may throw a new light on the League, for which Clans were favourites. Boland Cup, Charity Cup and Leagues occupy half-a-dozen venues next week-end. Army hurling improves and will have a serious test with Eoghan Ruadh at Croke Park.

Hunting

WARD UNION HOUNDS

On Wednesday, January 7th, the meet was changed to Blackhall to hunt an outlier. Hounds soon put him up in Jenkinstown and he ran a couple of circles towards The Mullagh and through the bog before they got him away past The Hatchet and across the Red Road for Lismahon. They settled down to run very fast by Cookstown to Vesington, then bore right-handed past Wearingstown fox-covert for Cushinstown. With Dunboyne on their left, they crossed the Summerhill road and continued to hunt steadily through Courthill and Chapelands. They then ran right across the Moor of Meath to Jarretstown, and went on by Confey to Barberstown. Here the stag plunged into the canal, but instead of swimming across he, fortunately, elected to come out again on the same side and was safely captured. Only four saw the end of this very fine hunt which had a point of just nine miles.

On Saturday, January 10th, from Rathgate a stag enlarged on Mr. Mangan's land at Ballymadun proved an unenterprising sort. He went away towards Borranstown, but, after circling through Charstown and Tobercregan, was taken near Garristown.

Another was then enlarged at Charstown. From here hounds hunted smartly to Nutstown and went on by The Folly to Jordanstown. They ran by Wolganstown and Clonmethan almost to Oldtown, then bore right-handed for Moortown, and circled back to Palmerstown. Here they were run out of scent and the stag left at large.

DUHALLOW HOUNDS

Hounds were out three days this week, and started the week well from the meet at Terry's Screens on Monday, 5th January. There was a brace in the covert, and the hunted one gave a nice sprint by Tankardstown to the bank of the stream at Bowenscourt and to ground. Hounds were put in at the eastern end of Smith's gorse, and a fox was viewed away towards Kildorrery; but, swinging left, crossed the stream, and going close to Bowenscourt gorse, was pulled down in the open near Burns' Rock after a flying fifteen minutes. Finding again in the gorse at Bowenscourt, we went by Burns' Rock towards Ballywalter, but hounds failed to account for him on the road between Ballywalter and Lisnagourneen.

Furlong's was next drawn, and hounds found here, and a good fox took us towards Graig House and right-handed to the earths at Ballinamona, which were well stopped, and then right-handed by the Awbeg to Park Mills. Swinging right again, the fox crossed the road and through Carber, nearly to Nasa House. Here our pilot swung left, and, recrossing the road, went through Laurentinum and Kilbrack and into Doneraile Park, hounds being stopped the far end of the park, as it was late and horses and hounds had more than enough.

The meet on Wednesday was at Mallow Railway Bridge, but we had a disappointing day. The Workhouse gorse was blank, but there was a brace at Rathnee, one of which got to ground. The other was too long gone, but when hounds were put into Mount North they got the line of probably this second fox from Rathnee but he was too far gone and hounds could do nothing. Hounds carried the line about a mile towards Copetown. Dulohery's was drawn blank, and a fox found in the gorse at Ballygiblin got to ground almost immediately.

It was bitterly cold on Saturday when hounds met at Ballywalter. There was virtually no scent, and nothing could be done with a fox found in Ballywalter. Another fox found in Annesgrove gorse, crossed the Awbeg to Ballywalter, but scent fizzled out about a field beyond Ballywalter. Finding again in Poulnahila, hounds circled round in several small rings, and finally lost him. At Dromdeer there was another fox, and this one was a terrible twister; for he kept going in circles for over an hour between Dromdeer, Ballyandrew and Poulnahila. Finally another fox got up, and hounds divided and had to be stopped.

GALWAY BLAZERS

Friday, 9th January, Ballydugan.—After enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. St. George Burke, the first draw was the bog covert, and here hounds took the line of a fox which had left the covert just before. Crossing the Kilcody-Carrowkeel road they took us over a fine line of country for Lime Hill, where they swung to the right at Mr. Egan's house, and ran as though for Masonbrook, but swinging to the left they ran into Dalystown. This would have been a great hunt if hounds had got away from Ballydugan on terms with their fox.

Monday, January 12th, Monivea.—Bitter East wind and later driving snow made things very inclement, and we had a number of visitors, for whom we would have liked pleasanter conditions. The Monivea coverts failed to hold, and so did Roundfield gorse and Knockbrack. Then hounds found a fox in Monihan's, and ran him to Knockbrack, where they put him to ground. Conditions got worse, and your correspondent went home.

CO. LIMERICK HUNT

Owing to the deeply regretted death of Mr. Edward Leahy the Committee has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. W. Cole-Hamilton, D.S.O., honorary secretary of the County Limerick Hunt. Correspondence should be addressed to Cahirnarry, Limerick. Until such time as a telephone has been installed, calls may continue to be made to Miss Hartigan, Limerick 71.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

TO-DAY.

Ballymacad, Patrickstown Cross, 12.0; Westmeath, Glencara, 12.0; Kildare, Courtown Gate, 11.30; Galway Blazers, Oranmore, 11.30; Roscommon, Clashganny, 1.0; Clare, Hurler's Cross, 1.0; Tara, Longwood, 11.30; Scarteen, Limerick Junction, 12.0; Meath, Ferran's Gate (instead of Killeen Castle), 11.30; Limerick, Clarina, 12.0; East Down, Saul, 1.0.

TO-MORROW

Queen's Co., Fairymount, 12.0; Wexford, Ballykerogue, 12.0; Mid-Antrim, Marlow Church, 12.30; South Union, Bay View, 12.0; North Kildare, The Dancing Tree, 11.30; Killultagh and Old Rock, Aldergrove, 12.0; Co. Longford, Abbeydara, 1.0; Island, Clone, 12.0; Co. Limerick, Garryline, 12.0; Coollattin, Killinure 11.30; Mr. O'Hara's, Claragh, 11.30; Fingall, Ballyhonahal, 1.0; Waterford, Ballyduff Chapel (instead of on Saturday), 11.30.

HUNT CARDS

DUHALLOW HOUNDS.—Change of Meet—January—Sat., 17th, Carrig; Mon., 19th, Brough Cross (bye-day); Wed., 21st, Milltown Cross; Sat., 24th, Glenogra School; Wed., 28th, Lisarriffin Cross; Sat., 31st, Kilcummer Bridge. At 11.30.

HOCKEY RESULT

Galtrim Cup—Dublin University 3 (J. V. Rose 2; Wheeler), Orangegorman 0.

Association Football

Vital Points at Stake at Milltown

SHAMROCK ROVERS now have drawn in three successive matches, and two of those matches they might deservedly have lost. On Sunday next they hope to return to winning form even though their opponents at Milltown will be the only team to have beaten them in the League of Ireland, the dubious Dundalk. If Dundalk lose they may be regarded as right out of the running for the championship; if Rovers lose their championship chances won't be too good either.

Dundalk always play really good football; but their finish is nothing like as strong as that of the Rovers. The latter hope to have Clarke and Molloy in the team for Sunday; but Clarke must still be regarded as doubtful. The match between St. James's Gate and Shelbourne has been postponed to February 7th, so that Sunday's game will be the most important of the series for the week-end.

An interesting fixture for Saturday is the Bohemians-Brideville match at Dalymount Park. Brideville have a two point lead of the amateurs; but the latter are slowly developing into a very useful side, and when Crowe, their young centre-forward, returns to the team, as he will soon, much better may be expected from them.

Brideville collapsed badly against Cork last Sunday after a good start, and their display in that match would point to a victory for Bohemians, who will have the same team as made a draw of it with Rovers.

Limerick, since their remarkable defeat of Dundalk on December 21st, have been doing moderately well. Last Sunday they sprang a surprise on the Gate at Limerick, winning by 3-1; but now they have to go to Cork. This should be a fine game; but it is not likely that Limerick will be the team to succeed where all others have failed.

In the match between Bray Unknowns and Drumcondra at Bray, McNamara will resume his place in the Drumcondra team, but Hutchinson, who was injured last week-end against Shelbourne, will be absent.

It is announced that Coad, the ex-Waterford inside right, is to be played by the Rovers in their Cup tie with Brideville. On February 8th, although it had been stated that he would be included in the Limerick team, J. Harlery, O'Keefe and Walsh have, however, been signed by Limerick for the Cup.

There is nothing to prevent the ex-Waterford players whose registrations will not be accepted at Fairyhouse from playing in the Cup, provided, of course, that they are signed in accordance with the rules. Fixtures for the week-end are:—

Saturday—Bohemians v. Brideville, Dalymount Park.

Sunday—Shamrock Rovers v. Dundalk, Milltown; Cork United v. Limerick, Cork; Bray Unknowns v. Drumcondra, Bray.

O'KEEFFE SIGNS

T. O'Keeffe, the Waterford international, was signed by the Limerick club yesterday contrary to reports that he had been booked by a Dublin club for the Cup.

Table Tennis

H. Wine Beaten in First Round

THE Metropolitan Championships commenced at the Catholic Commercial Club last night, the entry of seventy for the men's singles being the biggest received in any tournament for some years. The feature of the first round was the defeat of the second seeded player, H. Wine, by J. Prestage. It was a most exciting struggle, with Wine doing more attacking than usual, but he was inclined to find the net at critical moments. Prestage's defence was excellent, and although he was not enterprising on the backhand, he hit a number of forehand winners. Results:—

SIXES SINGLES.—First Round—H. P. Morris beat W. A. Mundy—21-15, 21-14; W. F. Reid beat J. Collins—21-6, 21-11; F. Lawlor beat T. Halpin—21-15, 21-19; E. Sterne beat J. Devlin—21-12, 16-21, 21-17; S. Fleming beat W. Kelly—21-6, 21-15; T. Moorehead beat E. Doyle—21-18, 21-19; H. Gaw beat R. Allman-Smith—21-19, 21-15; J. Hanrahan beat J. Kearney—21-5, 21-15; C. Hempenstall beat N. Neville—21-19, 19-21, 22-20; M. D. Buchalter beat G. S. Row—21-18, 21-13; K. Hill beat P. D. MacWeeney—21-12, 21-16; S. Beilin beat F. Davidson—21-5, 21-11; T. Donnelly beat C. C. Fennell—17-21, 21-15, 25-23; H. Thuillier beat P. McDonagh—21-19, 21-15; D. Hill beat J. Roberts—21-17, 21-16; H. Collins beat F. Hamilton—21-7, 21-13; C. Dean beat E. Heartland—21-3, 21-19; J. B. Dunne beat R. Downey—21-11, 21-15; E. A. Coombs beat J. Lynch—21-14, 17-21, 21-12; R. I. Gill beat T. Mooney—21-16, 16-21, 21-16; F. Walsh beat J. A. Adamson—21-13, 21-14; C. Colter beat E. J. Manning—21-8, 21-7; V. Grace beat W. Byrne—21-14, 21-15; W. Heron beat J. Gethins—21-11, 21-15; N. Moreaw beat M. Davis—21-16, 18-21, 21-18; O. Grace beat J. Kennedy—21-12, 19-21, 21-12; J. Prestage beat H. C. Wine—25-23, 17-21, 21-16; T. J. Ryan beat J. O'Keeffe—21-16, 14-21, 21-10; J. Bloom beat J. McSweeney—22-20, 9-21, 21-14; L. Maher beat A. Solomons—21-7, 10-21, 21-19; C. D. Colter beat D. P. Nolan—21-13, 21-14.

To-Night—All competitors in mixed doubles (6.30), men's doubles (7.30) and ladies' doubles (8.30).

"DOLPHIN PARK" FOR SALE

The Dolphin Park Racing and Amusement Company, Ltd., having gone into voluntary liquidation, the property will be put up to auction by Messrs. Battersby and Co., on January 29th. The grounds, which were at one time the headquarters of the Dolphin Association Football Club, were bought by the company some years ago, together with a large tract of adjoining land, for the purpose of pony and greyhound racing. Some of the land was recently acquired by the Dublin Corporation for the Dolphin housing scheme, for the sum of £2,000, and the company was granted the option of taking over an equivalent area of adjoining land. This attractive property will be sold in one lot, and already there have been many inquiries made regarding it.

KING'S ENTRIES IN CLASSIC RACES

The King's unbeaten filly, Sun Chariot, who headed last season's Free Handicap for two-year-olds, has been entered for the New Derby, New St. Leger, New Oaks and New 1,000 Guineas. She was not among the entries for the original Derby, which was abandoned.

The colt, Big Game, who is also unbeaten, and was, like Sun Chariot, leased by the King from the National Stud, is Fred Darling's only entry in the 2,000 Guineas. Big Game has been nominated, in addition, in the Derby and St. Leger.

NEGLECT OF THREE CHILDREN

John P. Mills, whose address was given as 3 James's street, Tipperary, was summoned in the Dublin District Court yesterday by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for wilfully neglecting to maintain his three children, aged 11, 9, and 6½.

Detective Tierney said he arrested Mills at Aylmer's Junction. He was in the company of a female friend. When charged Mills said: "I have nothing to say."

Mrs. Eva Mills said she was married to the defendant in August, 1928. They had three children. The last occasion on which her husband gave her any money was in October of last year. She was in hospital for six months, and was an invalid since, and was in receipt of outdoor relief. She knew her husband was getting a R.I.C. pension of £3 7/- per month and a British Army pension of £1 12/- a month. He did not live with her since a year last November.

Inspector O'Connell, N.S.P.C.C., said the wife had no food in the house.

Mills, in evidence, said he lost his job in February, 1941, through his wife's continual interference in the office of his employers. Up to that time he sent her regular instalments, which would have been more than sufficient to support herself and the children. He was satisfied to sign over his R.I.C. pension to the N.S.P.C.C. for the support of his children.

District Justice Lennon said that owing to the previous good character of the defendant he would apply the Probation Act, the defendant to enter into his own bond of £5 until 1st January, 1945, and to sign over his R.I.C. pension to the Honorary Secretary, N.S.P.C.C. for the support of his children.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. — Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 77. Chants, 78-69. Urbs Fortitudinis, 90. Hymn, 609. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Psalm, 76. Chant, 77. Magnificat. Nunc Dimittis, King in C. Anthem, "O Lord, the Maker." King Henry VII.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Matins at 10.45 o'clock. Venite, 226. Psalm, 75 (227). Benedictus, 532. Hymn, 521. Evensong at 3 o'clock. Psalm, 77 (229, 227). Magnificat. Samuel Arnold (1740-1802) in A. Anthem, "The Lord give ear to thee." Josef G. Rheinberger (1839-1901).

ST. ANN'S CHURCH.—Missionary Intercession at 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion at 11.30 a.m.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Soldier Charged With Housebreaking.—At Omagh yesterday, Patrick Mines, a soldier, was returned for trial in custody, charged with breaking into a house at Tattykeel, Omagh, and stealing money belonging to two lady occupants.

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Dungarvan Inquest Adjourned.—That death was due to tubercular meningitis was the medical evidence at an inquest on Private Thomas White (174), Davis street, Dungarvan. It was stated that he was home on leave, had complained of headaches, and said he had been in a motor accident. The inquest was adjourned.

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Galway Sentence Reversed.—Judge Wyse Power, at Galway yesterday, reversed the decision of the District Justice sentencing Corporal Patrick Dowdall to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour, on a charge of obtaining £2 by false pretences from Private John McFadden.

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Damages Against Hairdresser. — At Dundalk Circuit Court yesterday a sum of £15 was awarded to Teresa Gray, St. Alphonsus Villas, Dundalk, against Michael Kelly, ladies' hairdresser, Earl street, Dundalk, in a claim by her for £200 damages for personal injuries while having a permanent wave.

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New Garda Superintendent.—The appointment is announced of Inspector John Neill to the rank of Superintendent as from January 10. A native of Kilkenny, he joined the D.M.P. from the Civil Service in 1936. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector on May 13, 1935, and has since served in the Dun Laoghaire and College street areas.

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Conspiracy and Maiming Charge.—Found guilty at Cork Circuit Court on various counts in connection with conspiracy to maim a mare, value £40, resisting arrest and assaulting Civic Guards, Maurice O'Connell, farmer, and his three sons, Benjamin, John and Cornelius, all of Cummery-Connell, Meelin, were put back for sentence until to-day.

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Whist Drive for Church Fund.—A meeting was held at the C.Y.M.S. Hall, Donnybrook, of the committee formed to run a monster whist drive in the Mansion House on February 3rd, in aid of the Church Debt Fund. A number of valuable prizes had been received since the last meeting.

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Civil Servants' Bonus.—Rathmines branch of the Post Office Workers' Union adopted a resolution considering the action of the Government in stabilising the bonus of Civil Servants as deterimental to the national interest and security, and calling upon the Government to amend Emergency Powers Order No. 83, so as to permit the normal operation of the bonus machinery.

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Dressing Station for Kilmacanogue L.S.F.—A draw for an oil painting, executed and presented by Miss Mabel Young, took place at the schoolhouse, Kilmacanogue, Bray. The winning ticket was held by Mrs. B. Roache, 43 Stephen's Green, Dublin. The proceeds went towards providing a dressing station for the local branch of the L.S.F. Lady Nixon presided.

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Mitchelstown Church Robbed.—District Justice Farrell reserved his decision at Lismore in the case of two youths, Michael Walsh (19) and James Dorgan (15), charged on remand, in custody, with robbing £2 10/- from the donation box and the box of the Catholic Truth Society in Mitchelstown Catholic Church on Christmas Day. Most of the money had been recovered, a balance of 7/- being paid into court by Doran's father.

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Insurance Agent Sentenced.—A suspensory sentence of twelve months' imprisonment was imposed at Cork Circuit Court yesterday on John James Aherne, a young insurance agent, of Strand street, Kanturk, who pleaded guilty to obtaining sums amounting to about £300, by falsely pretending that cheques he presented at the Bank of Ireland, Mallow, were valid for the amounts stated.

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Six Months for Bigamist.—Cornelius Lyons, *alias* James McCarthy, of Lisroe, Duagh, County Kerry, was, at Clare Circuit Court, sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour, for bigamy. Evidence was given that, under the name of Lyons, he married a girl in Duagh in 1931, and in 1941 married another girl in Clonlara, County Clare, under the name of McCarthy, his first wife being alive at the time.

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Damages in Galway Breach Case.—A decree for £60 damages was given at Galway Circuit Court yesterday by Judge Wyse Power in an action for breach of promise to marry, brought by Nora Egan (25), of Blackwell, Maree, Co. Galway, against Patrick Killalea (40), Ballinacurty Hill, Maree. Judge Wyse Power also gave a decree for £80 damages in an action brought by Mrs. Bridget Egan, mother of Nora Egan, against Killalea for damages for the seduction of her daughter by the defendant.

£55,818 MORE ON DUBLIN RATES

ASSISTANCE BOARD DEMAND £486,392

PRINCIPALLY because of the high cost of living, the Dublin Board of Assistance have increased their estimate for the coming year to £486,392—£55,818 more than the current year.

Of this sum, £409,169 is for general charges, £9,500 for the repayment of loans, and £67,723 for charges in connection with the Poor Relief Act.

Proposing the adoption of the estimates, the Lord Mayor said that the Board had thought that £282,630 would suffice for home assistance, but, after careful consideration, were satisfied that £278,000 must be provided for this purpose. In the last week 10,535 people had been helped, and he did not think it likely that the numbers would decline during the year. Of the amount asked for, £90,000 was for grants of home assist

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

CHILLINGWORTH—January 6, 1942, at Grantham, Lincs., to Vida, wife of T. H. M. Chillingworth, a son.

COOK—January 10, 1942, at Glen House, North Berwick, to Major and Mrs. J. A. Cook, a daughter.

JOHNSTON—November 31, 1941, at Miss Overend's Nursing Home, Dublin, to Susan (nee Hanly), wife of Henry R. Grant-Johnston, a son.

O'NEILL—January 6, 1942, at the Leinster Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Neill, 13 Temple villas, Palmerston road, Dublin, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DANIEL and WRIGHT—January 2, 1942, at St. Polycarp's Church, Belfast, by Rev. R. D'E. Wright, M.A., Capt. Martin O. Daniel, Henley-on-Thames, to Elenore M., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wright, Mill View, Newbliss.

McCOURT and MacMAHON—November 26, 1941, at St. Mary's, Haddington road, by Rev. Father B. R. Harley, C.C., Kevin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCourt, 85 Sandymount road, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. John MacMahon, Barrister-at-law, and Mrs. MacMahon, 144 Pembroke road, Dublin.

DEATHS.

CALLOW—January 13, 1942 (suddenly), William J. Callow, Per-se, Mount Merrion, and 44 Westland row, Dublin. Funeral (private) to-day (Thursday). No flowers.

CARTER—January 14, 1942, at Moyne, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow, George Carter, late of Carrig, Caragh Lake, formerly J.P. for Killorglin, Co. Kerry. Funeral to Preban to-morrow (Friday), 12.30 (S.T.). "Blessed are the pure of heart."

COLE—January 6, 1942, at West Malling, Kent, Daisy, dearly loved wife of Arthur Cole, F.R.C.S., and daughter of the late Benjamin Gill, Cloneygrange, Ballivor.

FIGGIS—January 13, 1942, at his residence, 9 Derryvolgie avenue, Belfast, Frank Fernsley Figgis, third son of the late Thomas Gilbart Figgis, Dublin. Funeral private. No mourning.

KIRWAN—January 13, 1942, at No. 12 St. Mary's terrace, Taylor's Hill, Galway, Madeline Beatrice, daughter of the late Thomas Kirwan, of Dunmore, Co. Galway. R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. Joseph's Church yesterday (Wednesday) evening. Funeral will take place to New Cemetery, Tuam, after 11 o'c. High Mass in St. Joseph's to-day (Thursday).

LINDSAY—January 14, 1942, at St. Patrick's Hospital, George Herbert Beltra, Co. Sligo, eldest son of the late Michael Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay, aged 30 years. Deeply regretted by his loving family. Remains leaving Cloonamahon at 2.30 p.m. to-day (Thursday) to Dromard Church. Funeral to-morrow (Friday) at 12 o'clock.

NOAKES—December 19, 1941, at Eastbourne, Henry Stanton Noakes, late of Dublin, eldest son of Henry and Elizabeth Noakes, 8 Calverley road, Eastbourne.

O'RIORDAN (nee O'Donnell)—January 14, 1942, at St. Columcille's Hospital, Kate O'Riordan, Molt House Cottage, Stillorgan. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed this (Thursday) evening at 5.30 to Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock. Funeral after 10 o'clock Mass to-morrow (Friday) to Shankill Graveyard.

PORTER—January 14, 1942, at Beabeg, Drogheda, Mary Olivia (Olive), elder daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Porter, late of Oldcastle. Funeral strictly private.

POTTS—January 13, 1942, at Millvale House, Newry, Dr. Renwick McCarroll Potts. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. House and funeral private. No flowers, please.

SHERLOCK—January 14, 1942, at his residence, 55 Lansdowne road, Gerald J. Sherlock. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Mary's, Haddington road, this (Thursday) evening at 6 o'c. Funeral (private) to-morrow (Friday) after 9 o'clock Mass to Glasnevin.

ST. JOHN—January 13, 1942, at his home, Derry na Seagh, Delgany, Richard St. John, at an advanced age. Funeral to-day (Thursday), 15th, at 2 o'c., to Coolrain Cemetery.

SWEENEY—January 13, 1942, at his residence, Main street, Strabane, Thomas William, beloved husband of Meta Sweeney. Funeral to-day (Thursday), 15th inst., at 2 p.m., to New Cemetery. No flowers.

WALDRON—January 13, 1942, at Ballyfallon, Athboy, Madeline Gertrude Frederika, widow of the late William Waldron. "How blessed are they whom Thou hast chosen, and called to be with Thee, O Lord." Funeral to-day (Thursday), arriving Athboy at 12 o'clock.

WILSON—January 14, 1942 (suddenly, but peacefully), at her home, Sallymount Gardens, Ranelagh, Elizabeth Sullivan (Ella), beloved daughter of the late Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Wilson. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), leaving Dublin at 1 p.m. and reaching Oalvale, Stradbally at 3 (summer time).

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found in Page 4.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

WILKES—The widow, family and relatives of the late Mr. Adam A. Wilkes, of "Park House," Rathmines Park, Dublin, send grateful thanks for the kind sympathy shown to them in their bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM.

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Best furrow—James Kane, Rheban.

Best middle—William Kelly.

Novice class—1, James Kane; 2, Arthur Lynch, Rheban; 3, James Davis, Rheban.

Under 21—James Davis.

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Slánadaire: EH!

Mire: Shhh! Nawbockleah! Scaw mé i n-am. Nion chiochnuig mé an adaine, buideacar le Dia.

Tá aithe agam an ainnir donn darb ainm Lily (agus tá aithe aici-rin ommpa). Tá deag-caiomeah (not tá tir a rcnoisean boro) eadrainn. Ir fior dom gur "arum" an Lardean ar "lily." Ir minic a mol mé i agus doubaire go raib agam innci "the full of me 'arums' of Irish love."

Ni caichneann an t-oilpard "arums" i gcomhnuide liom. Amannai biom nior chuinne ra gnamadaig agur deimin "ara." Ara na Pogue. Ara Céitiroe. Ana di adae dic de nam!

Di glic!

Má cluifeann tú aoinne ag cunncat—

"Aon, dó . . ."

—bnir ireaé air agur adair: Tuigim go maic gur éan daw.

Agur nuair deir ré—

"Oéc, naoi . . ."

—bnir ireaé anir agur adair "Ni head, ni head, nil an ceapc agac, ni tonnan an t-uéc agur an knee, ir éascoruil an fad na balla peantan iad.

mise agus mo sráid.

An Lily céadna, caraó oam i nuair bíomar amaon ag guvawill dun nGayleen i gCaiside de Connrad na Gaeóilge. Di mire man circeoir (nio nac iongnad) agur di fire man rúnai. D'éiriz eataoncar eigin eadrainn agur glan ri ar an gCaiside. Tocad caitin deap eile dand ainm Eiblin ina h-aic. Le éad a cuir ar Lily, bíor ag iarraid Eiblin a mealladh le out go dampa liom.

"An otiocfaid tú nó'n deanfaid tú, Eiblin a rúnai?" ara mire.

"Tiocfaid mé 'rni fanfaid mé," ar ríre.

Cuamar. Rinneamar an fodhpionnais, an glic-céim agur an tangó.

"San tango san cheer," ara mire le Eiblin.

Acc di a rúil mall min-burde an mickey-dazzler eile aici agur ofáz ri poim deiread na h-oiroce mé. Sin mar caillean an deire ainnir dan cuzar mam sean.

Slánadaire: EH!

Mire: Sin mar caillean an deire ainnir dan cuzar mam seanrais.

Slánadaire: Nee higim. Gansey?

Mire: Seadh, seanrais. Cuzar seanrais doid anaon mar bponncanar nodas.

Slánadaire: O tigim anish. Gura-mahagut.

Mire: Ná gunamac agam-ra, a duine uasail. Gunamac agac hein!

Slánadaire: An vwil colleen ella agut anish?

Mire: Tá. Cáit ni Duibin.

Slánadaire: An vwilir kun oo doh fósah?

Mire: Di cinnce go bruilim, óin beid rppé teicí a cuippear rnáir na rcéime uipri. Nac bruil pior agac go mbeid Eipe for ag Cáit ni Duibin?

nua-focail.

Ni map Hitler bicear.

Ir iomda con cuimeann Lord Harry oe.

Fice bliain ag fáp, fice bliain ag rcaol, fice bliain ar meac, agur fice bliain ar an pimpin rean-aoipe.

Ir mait bean deaspip, agur ir mait deag-banner.

Ir mó choiceann a cuimeann an OGPU oe.

Ni féroip colann óg oo cur ar nóna Cplonna.

Ni beite bio blad san joke.

Dionn blar ar an mugeen.

An té adiona i Muigeo ruapann a cuid.

as féachaint siar.

An Maigirtreapr: Druil riocha in oo cupán, a Cacait?

C.: Nil, a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: Druil riocha in oo cupán-ra, a Dhiain?

D.: Nil, a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: Cá bruil an riocha, a Aine?

A.: Tá ré ran riocháin, a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: Tá. Tá an riocháin annro agam, agur tá na cupáin an rad agam freirin. Táim ag cur riocha in gac cupán. Druil riocha in oo cupán anoir, a Cacait?

C.: Tá, a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: Druil riocha in oo cupán-ra, a Maime?

M.: Tá a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: Céapo tá in oo cupán?

M.: Tá riocha in mo cupán.

An M.: Druil riocha in gac cupán anoir?

Na P.: Tá, a Maigirtreapr.

An M.: So maic! Cá bruil an bainne anoir, a Dominaic?

D.: Tá ré ran rcnáircin, a Maigirtreapr.

—"An Claideamh Solais," 1907.

Acc tá an cnáircin reo Lán.

TIMOLEAGUE PLOUGHING MATCH

The seventh annual ploughing match under the auspices of the Timoleague (County Cork) Farmers' Association was held yesterday. There were 25 competitors. Results:—

Open Chill, Munster style—1st, P. O'Mahony, Lisavaird; 2nd Mi. O'Donovan, Foxhall, Roscarbery; 3rd, J. O'Sullivan, Castleventry, Roscarbery. Best Middle—P. O'Mahony. Open Chill, Leinster style—1st, Sean Noonan, Ballyfeard; 2nd, P. Flynn, Farren, Aherla; 3rd, C. McDonnell, Berrings. Best Middle—Sean Noonan. Novice Class, Chill—1st, P. Murray, Newcestown; 2nd, D. O'Neill, Roscarbery; 3rd, D. Finn, Ardfield. Best Middle—P. Murray.

COMPANY NOTICES.

WILLIAMS & WOODS, LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Register of Shareholders of the 6% Cumulative Preference Shares of the Company and the Transfer Register relating thereto, will be closed from the 23rd January, 1942, to the 31st January, 1942, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

J. R. GILLESPIE, Secretary.

204 Parnell street, Dublin, 15th January, 1942.

STOCK MARKET REPORTS

HOME RAILS EASIER

DUBLIN TRANSPORT RISE

In view of the uncertain outlook, the public were again adopting a cautious policy, and markets on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday presented a quiet appearance.

Fourth National Loan and 4½ per cent. Land Bonds both added fractions, British Funds were firm.

Banks held up well, apart from Nationals, which shaded off to 36/3. Guinness units recovered pence to 99/3.

Rails were on the dull side, and Great Northern Ord. lost 7/6 at 13½, and the Pref. eased to 32, while Great Southern Deb. fell 12/6 to 59½ in a small way.

The increase in the Dublin Transport Ord. dividend to 5 per cent. for the past year was well received in market circles, and the shares advanced to 17/-. Amongst Draperies, Jim Bros. Ord. jumped 1/- to 2/-, but Todd Burns Ord. weakened several pence to 10/-.

Textiles were again easier on small profit-taking. Bleachers Ord. slipped back to 5/9, Bradford Dyers Ord. to 10/4½, and Eng. Sewing Cotton Ord. to 31/3.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid.

(Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—3 p.c. Second National Loan (112¼), 112¼; do. (under £200) (112⅛), 112⅜; 4½ p.c. Third Loan (under £200) (109¼) 109½; do. (under £200) (109½), 109¾; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (103⅜) 104; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (106½), *106½; do. (under £200) (106¼), 106¼; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (107¼) *107¼; 3¼ p.c. National Security (101), 101, 1; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (113¼), 113½; do. (under £200) (113), 113¼; do. New (109½), 109½; do. (under £200) (109½), 109¼; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (105), 105; Agricultural Credit 5 p.c. (1st Series) (104), *104; 3½ p.c. War Loan (105), 105⅛, 5¼; do. (under £200) (104⅞), 105.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (308), *308, 8; Hibernian (35/3), 35/3; National (36/6), 36/3.

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES—Guinness Ord. (98/6), 89/-, 8/9, *9/3; do. Pref. (115½), 115¾xh.

SHIPPING—Furness Withy Ord. (24/6), 24/11½.

RAILS AND TRANSPORT — Great Northern Ord. (13⅜), 13⅛; do. Pref. (32¼), 32, 2; do. Deb. (68), 68b 70a; Great Southern Gtd. (42), 42; do. Deb. (58¾) *58⅜; Dublin Transport Ord. (16/6), 17/-.

DRAPERIES—Crowe Wilson Pref. (20/-), 20/-; Pim Bros. Ord. (1/-) 2/-; Tod dBurns Ord. (10/9), *10/6, 10/-.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS—Carroll Pref. (25/-), 25/6a; Cement Deb. (107) *107⅛; Clondalkin Paper Ord. (5/3), 5/3; Dublin (8.) City Markets Ord. (8⅜), *8⅝; Goodbody Pref. (20/-), *20/-; Irish Sugar Pref. (25/7½), *25/6; Pye (Ireland) Ord. (5/-), 4/9; Woodington Pref. (18/3), *13/-.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS—Bleachers Ord. (6/-), 5/9; Bradford Dyers Ord. (10/6), *10/4½; British South Africa 6s. *21/6; Broken Hill Props. 22/6; do. Prov. 5/-; English Sewing Cotton Ord. 31/3; Fine Spinners Ord. (7/6), 7/3, 7/4½, 7/6; Imperial Chemical Ord. (33/-), 33/-; Slater and Bodeza Ord. 5/8¼.

IRISH BANKS' RATE (changed October 26, 1939). 3 p.c.; Loans on Government Stocks transferred, 3½ p.c.; Deposits, 1 p.c. The foregoing rates are subject to variation.

IRISH BANK REPORTS

HIBERNIAN BANK

The report and balance sheet of the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., which appears to-day, shows that the net profits for the half-year ended December 31st were £30,210, compared with £32,232 for the previous six months. The dividend is unchanged at 5½ per cent. actual, less tax for the half-year.

The balance sheet shows that deposits are higher at £11,877,847, compared with June, 1941, while advances and bills are down at £5,600,978, against £5,825,215. Investments stand at £6,012,868, compared with £5,514,921 six months ago, while notes in circulation are up slightly from £518,731 to £519,104. Cash has increased from £1,523,610 to £1,934,891.

The half-yearly meeting will be held in College Green, Dublin, on January 26th, at 1 p.m.

The results at the close of the last two balancing periods are set out below:—

	June, '41. £	Dec., '41. £
Net profits	32,232	30,210
Dividend per annum	11 per cent. (less tax)	11 per cent. (less tax)
To Reserve	—	2,500
,, Premises	5,000	5,000
Brought in	27,607	27,340
Forward	27,340	27,551
Paid-up Capital	500,000	500,000
Reserve Fund	740,000	740,000
Notes in Circulation	518,731	519,104
Deposits, etc.	11,196,922	11,877,847
Cash	1,523,610	1,934,891
Investments	5,514,921	6,012,868
Bills Discounted, Advances	5,825,215	5,600,978
Premises	151,747	145,765
Total Assets	13,015,494	13,694,502
Proportion of Liquid Assets to Bank's liabilities to the public	60.8 p.c.	64.1 p.c.

MUNSTER AND LEINSTER

The net profits of the Munster and Leinster Bank for the past six months amount to £33,194, compared with £38,561 for the half-year ended December, 1940, and with £53,393 for the six months ended last June. The directors recommend a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, free of tax; the transfer of £2,500 to contingencies account; the reduction of bank premises by £5,000, and the placing of £5,000 to the Staff Pensions Fund, leaving £36,858 to be carried forward.

Deposits and credit balances stand at £28,136,771, as compared with £25,762,857 one year ago. Advances to customers, at £11,889,885, compare with £12,104,774 in December, 1940.

Cash on hands at the end of December amounted to £3,173,160, and this sum, added to call money of £900,000, brought the bank's cash holding to £4,073,160, against £3,964,489 in December, 1940. The bank's liquid assets amount to £18,532,635, a figure which represents 63.9 per cent. of the bank's entire liability to the public.

The half-yearly meeting will be held in Cork on the 28th inst., at 1 p.m.

The principal items in the last two reports are appended:—

	June, '41. £	Dec., '41. £
Net Profit	53,393	53,194
Dividend	4½ p.c.*	4½ p.c.*
To Contingencies	10,000	12,500
To Premises	5,000	5,000
To Staff Pensions	5,000	5,000
Brought in	40,070	39,914
Forward	39,914	36,858
Capital	750,000	750,000
Note Circulation	866,773	846,858
Reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000
Deposits	27,297,741	28,136,771
Cash and Call	4,054,141	4,073,160
Investments	13,965,412	14,459,474
Bills Discounted	782,155	719,958
Advances	10,806,093	11,169,927
Premises	382,375	381,717
Total Assets	29,988,178	30,804,238

*Tax free (actual).

COMPANY NEWS

Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust.—After depreciation, taxation and war damage contribution, net balance is only £42,156, compared with £149,960 previously. Preference dividends and 16 2-3 net on Ordinary (same) reduces the carry-forward by £6,000.

Bowater's Mersey Paper.—Trading profit £115,230 (against £116,325); depreciation £50,000 (same); dividend reserve £27,500 (against £35,000); war damage £28,893; forward £41,097 (against £43,136).

Bowater's and Lloyds Sales.—Trading profit £92,451 (against £95,564); taxation £38,750 (against £32,347); fixed Prefd. dividend £16,000 (same); war damage £3,149; forward £31,371 (against £34,569). In addition to the fixed dividend of 8 p.c., a participating dividend of 2 p.c. has been declared on the Preferred Shares, and a dividend of 20 p.c. and a bonus of 2½ p.c. on the Ord. The Ord. dividend is the same as in the previous year, but the bonus compares with 7½ p.c.

Bowater's Paper Mills.—Profits declined by £5,734 to £196,870. Provisions of the War Damage Act amount to £24,077, and have been met by the transfer of a like amount from internal reserves. No dividends are being paid, but £65,000, compared with £130,000, has been transferred out of profits to dividend reserve, bringing that reserve up to £365,000. After making the above appropriations, and transferring £35,000, against £42,500, to reserve for depreciation, there remains a balance of £44,969 to go forward (against £42,742 brought in).

Edward Lloyd.—Trading profit £310,842 (against £345,548); depreciation £157,269 (against £155,676); dividend reserve £140,000 (against £150,000); forward £161,888 (against £148,315). The dividend on the Preference capital is paid to July 1, 1939. A sum of £72,671 required for war damage contributions has been met by a transfer of a like amount from internal reserves.

Edward Lloyd Investment.—The company received no income during the past year, and is, therefore, unable to recommend any dividends.

Rubber Estates of Malaya.—Dividend of 2 per cent. (against 6 per cent.); net profit £66,586 (against £48,023).

Vaughan Brothers (Drop Forgings).—Interim 10 per cent. (same).

Westinghouse Brake and Signal.—Profits £141,629 (against £159,781); dividend 10 per cent. (same).

IRISH ALCOHOL'S TRADING LOSS

The accounts of the Irish Alcohol Company, which were laid on the table of the Oireachtas yesterday, show that in the year ended September 30th, 1941, there was a trading loss of £4,590. The assets of the company are valued at £236,440.

LONDON FAIRLY FIRM

SOME LIVELY BIDDING

With little selling in evidence, most issues held up fairly well in the London Stock Markets yesterday, and the prevailing inactivity was relieved by lively bidding for a small range of selected issues.

An outstanding feature was brisk buying of Molasses shares on the expansion in industrial alcohol output, coupled with a revival of rumours that the Distillers Company may make an offer for Molasses Ordinary. The units advanced rapidly, and were finally no less than 1s. 9d. higher at 32s. 6d.

Another development of particular interest was a fresh blaze up in Oil shares, notably Anglo-Iranians, which rose from 51s. 3d. to 53s.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE 7.30 — ONCE NIGHTLY. — 7.30. MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, 2.30. GRAND CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME, JIMMY O'DEA in HANSEL and GRETEL. By HARRY O'DONOVAN. Booking Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

OLYMPIA NIGHTLY AT 8. LAST MATINEE—SATURDAY, 2.30. "DICK WHITTINGTON" (Dublin's Funniest Panto.) CECIL SHERIDAN JOHNNY CAROSS, NORMA BARRY, VIE KAYE, 2 CARLTONS JACK CRUISE, Booking Daily, 10.30-6 and 7.30-9.30.

ABBEY THEATRE, At 8 p.m. "FORGET-ME-NOT," By LENNOX ROBINSON. Now in its Third Week. NEXT SUNDAY—Repeat Performance owing to many requests, "BLACK FAST," by Austin Clarke. "THE FIDDLER'S HOUSE," By Padraic Colum.

GATE Edwards-MacLiammoir. Nightly at 7.30. Matinee Saturday, 2.30. Positively Last Week. "HARLEQUINADE." Box Office, 10.30-7. 'Phone 44045.

METROPOLE To-day at 2.5, 4.20, 6.40, 9.0. MERLE OBERON, ALAN MARSHALL, in "LYDIA."

GRAFTON Continuous 2 to 10.30 2.5, 4.25, 6.40, 8.55. Deanna Durbin, Herbert Marshall, in "MAD ABOUT MUSIC." DEANNA AT HER BEST. TO-MORROW (FRIDAY): RED SKELTON—CONRAD VEIDT, in "WHISTLING in the DARK." BOOK NOW FOR SUNDAY NIGHT.

THEATRE DE LUXE Dublin's Super Cinema—3-10.30 p.m. Robert Preston, Nancy Kelly, Harry Carey, "PARACHUTE BATTALION." Dennis O'Keefe in "Lady Scarface."

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE At 4.15, 6.40, 9.10. Victor Mature, Carole Landis in "ONE MILLION B.C." Also Richard Arlen in "THE MAN FROM MONTREAL."

CORINTHIAN Jimmy Lydon, "HENRY ALDRICH FOR PRESIDENT," At 2.25, 4.45, 7.5, 9.25. Alan Baxter, Mary Carlisle, "RAGS TO RICHES." At 3.39, 6.59, 8.19.

ROYAL Film at 2.41, 6.15, 9.21. Show at 4.34, 7.58. RONALD COLMAN, ANNA LEE, in "MY LIFE WITH CAROLINE." "OUT OF THE BOTTLE," with Peggy Dell, Noel Purcell, Harry Bailey, Roy Irving. SUNDAY—Book now for 8 o'c. Show. FRANCHOT TONE CAROL BRUCE, JOHN CARROLL, WALTER BRENNAN, "THIS WOMAN IS MINE." "OUT OF THE BOTTLE, No. 2." Peggy Dell, John Torney, Harry Bailey, Noel Purcell, "The Antlers," Mike Nolan.

REGAL BOOMS At 2.20 4.35, CINEMA. 6.50, 9.5. RETAINED 2nd GREAT WEEK. DON AMECHE, BETTY GRABLE, "MOON OVER MIAMI." Book for Sunday Night.

SAVOY At 1.55, 4.15, 6.35, 8.55. JOHN WAYNE in "SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS." TO-MORROW—Book for Sunday Night The Streamlined Musical, Eleanor POWELL, Ann SOTHERN, Robt. YOUNG, "LADY BE GOOD." Lionel Barrymore, Red Skelton.

CAPITOL To-day at 2.50, 4.55, 7.0, 9.14. RED SKELTON, ANN RUTHERFORD, in WHISTLING IN THE DARK. FRIDAY: The Drama You Wanted to See Again. CHARLES BOYER, OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, PAULETTE GODDARD, IN "HOLD BACK THE DAWN." Hall Café and Oak Lounge Now Open.

CARLTON BOOK NOW FOR SUNDAY NIGHT. "INVISIBLE GHOST," with Bela Lugosi Showing at 2.10, 4.35, 7 and 9.30. Also "Flying Wild"—East Side Kids. To-morrow: Music! Laughter! Drama! Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake in "CONGA SWING." Also Ralph Bellamy—Margaret Lindsay in "ELLERY QUEEN'S PENTHOUSE MYSTERY."

ADELPHI At 3.25, 6.20, 9.15. "ICE CAPADES," With Dorothy Lewis, James Ellison. Also "A SHOT IN THE DARK." Showing at 2.11, 5.6, 8.1. Coming Friday: MICKEY ROONEY, JUDY GARLAND In "LIFE BEGINS FOR ANDY HARDY," With More Laughs for You. Book Now for 8 p.m. Sunday.

ASTOR. 9th GREAT WEEK!! "LOVE ON THE DOLE." The Film Sensation of this or any year. Daily at 2.20, 4.35, 6.45, 9.0.

PAVILION Dun Laoghaire. At 3.40, 6.10, 8.40. ERROL FLYNN, Olivia de Havilland, Raymond Massey in "SANTA FE TRAIL."

REGENT CINEMA, BLACKROCK. Kay Francis, Jack Oakie, George Bancroft in "LITTLE MEN." Also "MEXICAN SPITFIRE OUT WEST."

GREEN. 3.30, 6.20, 9.0. Charles Boyer, "TOVARICH." Also Ralph Bellamy, "Crime of Dr. Hallet." Frl.: Frederic March, Joan Bennet, "Trade Winds," and "Chinese Bungalow."

Area No. Seven — Wardens' Benevolent Fund.

A.R.P. BALL GRESHAM HOTEL, TO-NIGHT.

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ROYAL SCHOOL, ARMAGH

The Governors of the Royal School, Armagh, having decided not to hold speech days during the war, the report on the progress of the school since the last speech day before the war was made by the Headmaster, Mr. W. Hutchings, to the Board of Governors, the Primate in the chair.

The school had so far weathered the storm without increase of fees, the rising costs of feeding boys and keeping them warm having been offset by a proportionate rise in the number of boys.

Academic distinctions had been greatly over the average for a school of that size. In the School Certificate Examinations, five Exhibitions and three Prizes had been obtained, and boys had been placed first in Northern Ireland in such differing subjects as Greek and various branches of Mathematics. At Trinity College, Dublin, six Sizarships had been won (five in Science and one in Mathematics), and one boy had been awarded a Classical Exhibition at St. John's College, Cambridge. Old Armachians had also contributed their share of distinctions, among them being a Commander of the Bath and a Senior Exhibition and a Mathematical Scholarship at Trinity College, Dublin. The Board expressed their congratulations to the Headmaster and staff of the school on its distinguished record.

DENTAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY DANCE

More than 400 guests attended the annual dance of the Dental Students' Society last night in the Gresham Hotel.

Raffles and spot dances contributed to the success of the function, and dancing continued until a late hour, to the music of the Gresham Hotel Dance Orchestra, under the direction of Billy Dingle, with vocal numbers by the "Singing Lift Boy."

The committee were :—Mr. B. R. Devlin (President), Mr. J. B. Lee (Treasurer), Mr. J. Larkin (Secretary), Mrs. Hilverhouse, Mrs. D. O. Breen, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Dorman, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Ellerker, Mrs. Brady, Miss Hogan, Miss McKenna, Miss English, Miss Walshe, Mr. Kennealy, Mr. K. Healy, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Thornton, and Mr. Morriss.

Among those present were : — Mr. D. O'Brien, Dr. A. Ryan, Dr. Ellerker, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper, Mr. Fletcher, Dr. H. Wright, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Dunkin, Mr. R. O'Carroll, Mr. McEvoy, Mrs. Dunfoy, Miss Glynn, Miss Lee, Dr. and Mrs. C. Burns, Miss Kelly, Miss McCormack, and Mr. and Mrs. Geoghegan.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CORK

At a meeting of the National University, at University College, Cork, yesterday, the following degrees and other academic distinctions were conferred:—**Faculty of Medicine, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.**—Michael J. Kennedy, Michael P. Glanville, Alec Attwood, Bridget Barry, Timothy L. Barry, William J. V. Barry, Mary Burke, Nancy Burke, Margaret M. Coughlan, James A. Desmond, Michael J. Kelleher, James F. L. Lyons, James P. Lyons, Thomas Magner, Eamonn Maloney, James O'Callaghan, Patrick R. O'Dea, Nora O'Flynn, John F. O'Neill, Diarmuid P. O'Sullivan, Luke Tully, Kevin F. Walsh. **Doctor of Medicine**—Patrick Coffey, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H. **Diploma in Public Health**—J. J. Hennessy, M.B.; Nora T. O'Callaghan, M.B.; Ellen Murphy, M.B.; Josephine C. Murphy, M.B. **Bachelor of Science Public Health**—Ellen Murphy, M.B.; Josephine C. Murphy, M.B. **Faculty of Arts, Higher Diploma in Education**—Jeremiah J. O'Sullivan, B.A.

GROW MORE FOOD

The following further meetings in the "grow more food" campaign have been arranged :—

January 17—Mr. F. Aiken, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, at Castlebar, and Mr. T. O'Connell, Chief Inspector, Department of Agriculture, at Longford. January 21—Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, at Limerick, and Mr. Thomas Derrig, Minister for Education, at Kilkenny. January 27—Mr. Aiken at Cavan.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS. In the Goods of MARY CULSHAW, late of Johnstown, Kill, in the County of Kildare, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Victoria, Cap. 54, that the above-named Mary Culshaw, who died on the 1st day of January, 1941, by her Will dated the 7th day of June, 1934, and a Codicil dated the 12th day of June, 1934, bequeathed (amongst other bequests) One hundred pounds, free of Legacy Duty, to the Kill District Nursing Association, and gave, devised and bequeathed all the rest and residue of her property of every nature and kind whatsoever to Lady Dudley's Scheme for the Establishment of District Nurses in the Poorest Parts of Ireland.

Probate of the said Will and Codicil was granted to Leonard Webb by the District Probate Registry at Liverpool on the 13th day of October, 1941.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1942.

WEBB and WEBB, Solicitors, 1 Suffolk street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland and to all whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS In the Goods of PETER JOYCE, otherwise Peter Aloysius Joyce, late of 51 Merrion Road, Dublin, and formerly of The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, County of Dublin, and the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Carrick-on-Suir, County of Tipperary, Bank Manager (retired), Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute 30 and 31 Victoria, Cap. 54, that the above-named Deceased, who died on the 6th October, 1941, by his Will, dated 12th August, 1941, directed his Executors to expend the sum of £500 for having Masses said in accordance with his intentions. In addition, Testator gave, devised, bequeathed and appointed the Residue of his Estate, subject to a Life Estate therein to his Trustees to distribute same for such charitable purpose or purposes, not necessarily in Ireland, as they in their absolute discretion should think best.

And notice is hereby further given that Probate of the said Will was granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry, Eire on the 9th day of January, 1942, to William Chevere Roche, of 20 Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, Solicitor, and James Roche-Kelly, c/o William Roche & Sons, 20 Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, Major in H.M. Army, two of the executors and trustees named in the said Will, reserving the rights of the remaining Executor.

WILLIAM ROCHE & SONS, Solicitors for the said Executors, 20 Stephen's Green North, Dublin, C.2.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Eire, and all others whom it may concern.

CONTRACTS.

TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS. WATERFORD MENTAL HOSPITAL.

The Joint Committee of Management of the Waterford Mental Hospital invite Tenders from competent contractors for the erection of an Electrical Installation in accordance with the Conditions of Contract, Plans and Specification prepared by Thomas H. M. Wain, B.E., Consulting Engineer, 23 South Mall, Cork.

Conditions of Contract, Plans and Specification may be obtained from the Consulting Engineer on the payment of a deposit of Five Guineas, which will be returned on the receipt of a bona-fide Tender.

Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the instructions, and addressed to the "Presiding Chairman, Joint Committee of Management, Waterford Mental Hospital," and must be sent in on or before 12 noon on Monday, the 9th February, 1942.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted, and any Tender will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government before acceptance.

Signed, P. J. O'DOHERTY, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent.

CORPORATION OF WATERFORD. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION TO PROPEL FERRY BOAT.

Proposals and Tenders are invited from Engineering and Electrical Firms for supplying and installing in one of the Corporation's Ferry Boats an Electric Battery, Motor, Transmission and Propeller, and also supplying and installing the necessary Charging Plant.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to my Office.

Tenders will be received up to 12 noon on Thursday, 5th February, 1942.

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

(Signed) D. A. HEGARTY, City Manager and Town Clerk.

City Hall, Waterford. 15th January, 1942.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN. REFUSE DESTRUCTOR PLANT FOR SALE.

The Corporation invite offers for the purchase, dismantling and removal from Stanley street, Dublin, of two Meldrum Patent Destructor Furnaces, two Babcock and Willcox Water Tube Boilers, Boiler Feed Pump, Galvanised Iron Feed Tank, Steel Hoppers, Girders, Steam Piping and Fittings. Full details of the plant and the conditions of the contract may be obtained on application to the City Engineer, 28 Castle street, Dublin, who will arrange for inspection by intending Tenderers.

Tenders must be lodged not later than 12 noon on 30th January, 1942.

P. J. HERNON, City Manager and Town Clerk.

Dublin, 15th January, 1942.

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Irish Times

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1942.

Singapore

What will be the fate of Singapore? For some years past this naval stronghold has been regarded—except, possibly, in Tokyo—as the most powerfully fortified spot in the world. The British people were encouraged to believe that it was impregnable; and, until the Japanese sprang their surprise little more than a month ago, there seemed to be no good reason to question the general accuracy of this belief. Now everything has been changed. The Japanese have been able to invade the Malayan Peninsula almost at their leisure. They have landed large numbers of well-equipped troops at various points, and some of their twelve-ton tanks have been reported from the "impenetrable" jungle, which was stated by the experts to offer insurmountable obstacles to tank warfare. The miscalculation in regard to Malaya was not the first of its kind during the present war; and it probably will not be the last. Japan, as well as Germany, has knocked all the Staff College theories on the head. In Libya, as in Crete; in Malaya, as in the Low Countries, the methods of the *Blitzkrieg*, with the skilful exploitation of mechanised divisions, have revolutionised the science of warfare. Defence, as always, is catching up on attack; but, for the moment, the belligerent that "gets its blow in fust" has a decided advantage, as the British and Americans already have learned to their cost. Singapore, undoubtedly, is a mighty fortress; but so was the Maginot Line. If the British had been able to maintain a powerful fleet in Malayan waters, and to give it adequate support from the air, they probably would have been able to hold Singapore almost indefinitely, and to thwart all Japan's efforts to establish her forces either in Malaya or in the Dutch East Indies. In fact, however, they have been able to do neither of these things. The loss of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse, in circumstances which have not yet been explained fully, taken in conjunction with the temporary paralysis of American sea power in the Western Pacific, has given the Japanese an advantage of which they are making the fullest use. The British may be able to defend Singapore as an isolated fortress until such time as their Navy, in co-operation with the Americans, shall have been able to redress the balance of sea-power in the Far East; but the outlook at present is not favourable. An isolated Singapore would be of much use to anybody. Its utility depends on its free use as a naval base, from which the Dutch East Indies, Burma, and ultimately India and Australia, could be defended. If, and when, the Japanese establish themselves firmly in Malaya, Singapore will be deprived of its hinterland, and, although it may defy all attempts to reduce its defences, its value as a strategic point will virtually disappear.

From the British point of view—and to a less extent, from that of the United States as well—the thing that really matters is the defence of Australia. It is a far cry from Japan to Australia, and an invasion is not nearly so easy as it might appear to be at first sight. Before any such enterprise could be undertaken by the Japanese, the Dutch East Indies must be brought wholly under their control, and, furthermore, the Japanese Navy must establish its supremacy throughout the Western Pacific. The Dutch East Indies, in which General Sir Archibald Wavell has established his headquarters, constitute a formidable barrier against Japanese expansion southwards. This great archipelago offers admirable cover for defence, and there is small doubt that the British and Americans will strain every nerve to defend it. It must be remembered that, even with the loss of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse, the combined naval strengths of Great Britain and the United States are much greater than that of Japan. The Americans have been handicapped by the loss of some of those strategic islands in the Pacific which they had hoped to use as naval bases in the event of war; but their resources have not yet been exhausted, and within the next few months they probably will be able to repair the losses that were sustained at Pearl Harbour and elsewhere. Australia's defences are reasonably strong, although many of her best troops already are overseas in Libya and the Middle East. The northern portion of the continent offers natural obstacles to an invading force, particularly to a force that must be transported for vast distances by sea; and even the daring leaders of the Japanese fighting forces will think twice before they embark on such a hazardous adventure. While the attempted invasion of Australia cannot be left out of account, the probability is that the Japanese, for the time being at any rate, will concentrate their efforts, first, on Singapore, and afterwards on Burma. They realise clearly that one of the most potent factors on the side of the Allies is the continued resistance of China. For that reason they doubtless will make a determined effort to close the famous Burma road, along which the Chinese are getting the bulk of their supplies. It was reported yesterday that the British had sent strong reinforcements to Burma, and there have been rumours of a possible invasion by the Allies of Thailand. The British evidently are alive to the dangers of an attack on the Burma Road; but they also have had bitter experience of the folly of dispersal of effort. Whatever may, or may not, happen in the Far East, the real issue in this war is between the British Empire and the German Reich. If once that issue could be decided, all the rest would fall into true perspective. From the British point of view, Suez is far more important even than Singapore, and a final victory in Europe would more than compensate for the most serious reverses in the Far East.

The Wheat Problem

Somebody certainly has bungled. A very few months ago the people of this country were informed on the best authority that the wheat crop was excellent, and that all fear of a shortage of bread, let alone of starvation, had been dispelled. Those cheerful words, if we remember aright, were spoken after the harvest had been gathered, but before the wheat crop had been duly turned in to the millers. Weeks passed, and strange forebodings began to take the place of the harvest-time confidence. It was whispered that the crop, on which so many hopes had been reposed, was, in fact, not up to expectations, and that the danger of a bread shortage was not so far remote after all. The campaign of excuse and counter-excuse is in full swing. Mr. Lemass and his fellow-Ministers declare that certain farmers have been withholding their wheat crop—part of it, in order to furnish seed for the coming season, and the rest in the hope that a better price may be conceded by the Government. The farmers, *via* some of their spokesmen, insist that the true reason of the poor yield is the natural unsuitability of the Irish soil for the growing of a heavy crop; they hold that the yield *per* acre was overestimated grossly, and that, if the people have been led to expect a superabundant yield, the Government has nobody but itself to blame. Both points of view were canvassed yesterday in the Senate. The Minister for Agriculture admitted that there might have been a miscalculation in the yield from the record acreage sown, and that the extent of that acreage certainly was exaggerated; but he reiterated the official view that wheat is being "held back" by certain farmers. Speaking for the country at large, we merely can express the hope that similar mistakes will not be made by the Government, and that similar offences will not be committed by farmers, in the future. This business of wheat is far too important. Whoever has been to blame, the fact remains that the country has been enjoying a fool's paradise for approximately two months. It had been led to believe that, whatever might be the condition of affairs in regard to fuel, there could be no shortage of food; and during those two months it has been permitted to act on the basis of that information—in other words, to waste valuable food. Between the stupidity of the Department of Agriculture and the cupidity of certain farmers, the national safety has been imperilled. Opinions are divided, and will remain divided, concerning the proper apportionment of blame; but it is too late to worry about these matters. The important thing is to insure that the existing supply of wheat shall go as far as possible. If it is necessary to take drastic action against suspected farmers, drastic action must be taken.

Tinkers

At a recent court case in Roscrea, when three tinkers were charged with "causing grievous injuries" to a woman, the defence advanced the plea that tinkers existed long before Governments were instituted; that they were a law unto themselves, and that they "find it hard to recognise any other law." The details of the crime are unimportant, but the plea which was offered in their defence is far from unimportant. In this country, for some inexplicable reason, there is a certain glamour attendant upon gypsies and tinkers which elevates them out of the common rut. They may have no fixed place of abode; but nobody would dream of calling them tramps or vagrants. They may sell pots and pans, or tell fortunes in an effort to cloak other less creditable activities; but they are never looked upon as mere beggars. They may even, it seems, go so far as assault, and, when court proceedings ensue, as inevitably they must ensue, it is pointed out that tinkers are not as other men. Surely such a state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. There is little either romantic or superhuman even about genuine gypsies of the old Romany stock—and few of the Irish gypsies and tinkers have as much Romany blood in their veins as the average civil servant—and they cannot be allowed to behave as they choose without let or hindrance. It is true that they may tell fortunes and divine the future in a hundred mysterious ways, thereby impressing the plain people of Ireland with their supernatural gifts; nevertheless, it is time somebody put a stop to this legend that tinkers are a chosen race, beyond the reach of the law. In civilisation in which everybody—including the vagrants—receives a fair share of equal advantages from the laws of a country, it is only fair that they should abide by those laws themselves in equal measure. As a matter of fact, vagrancy of any form, even under the cloak of bohemianism, could, with advantage, be forbidden altogether. Such an order might penalise many well-meaning *Wandervogel* who choose the gypsy mode of life, not on account of their dislike for work, but because of their love for the open road. It is merely another case of the innocent suffering with the guilty; and, like most parallel cases, the advantages to be gained from tightening the regulations would far outweigh any of its disadvantages.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"TRADE BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As Mr. M. J. R. Eaton agrees that our "external assets have been substantially increased as the result of our inability to obtain imports," his letter can be taken as authoritative confirmation of the conclusions presented in the graph and tabular statement in last Monday's *Irish Times*. While he naturally is familiar with the fact that war emergencies have sharply reversed the conditions (*vide* the Banking Commission's report) in which external assets were being realised to meet domestic expenditure, that fact, and its significance, had not yet been realised by the great majority of newspaper readers.

While Mr. Eaton is in full agreement as to that fundamentally important conclusion, he takes exception to the figures from which it is derived. For some reason, which it is difficult to understand, he suggests that monthly trade balances should be arrived at without regard to factors of "invisible" exports and imports. Estimates so arrived at would, of course, be entirely valueless and misleading.

As was clearly indicated in the commentary which accompanied last Monday's graph and table, it was estimated (on a basis declared to be both approximate and conservative) that £1 million monthly should be added to published values of exports as "invisible" items in order to reach a true balance of trade.

As Mr. Eaton does not scorn to question the substantial value of that estimate he might now revise his table of "trade balances" by adding £1 million per month to the official figures of monthly exports. So revised, his table would disclose the following increases in external investments during 1941 :—

January	£353,000
February	322,000
March	414,000
April	810,000
May	818,000
June	985,000
July	996,000
August	924,000
September	990,000
October	1,317,000
November	3,171,000
Eleven months' total	£11,100,000

It is, of course, open to Mr. Eaton to place "invisible" balances at higher or lower averages than £1 monthly; but there is no other ground on which the substantial accuracy of last Monday's graph and table can successfully be challenged.

In that connection it is interesting to observe that Mr. Eaton quotes—and apparently accepts—the estimate of the Statistics Branch of the Department of Industry and Commerce, which places the increase in bankers' external investments at £15 millions during the 15 months, June, 1940, to September, 1941. Thus he furnishes evidence in support of the basis on which last Monday's graph was constructed.

Other figures and suggestions contained in Mr. Eaton's letter (though both interesting and, in their place, important) are hardly relevant to the material point at issue. That point is, as far as may be possible, to estimate probable increases in Eire's external investments; and then to consider: (1) their likely post-war values in terms of imported commodities; (2) by what other means they may be realisable, and (3) their possible relationship to expenditure on post-war reconstruction.

—Yours, etc.,

"A STUDENT OF ECONOMICS."

Dublin, January 9th, 1942.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—My letter in your issue of to-day's date contains an error in the following sentence:—"Thus we have a position in which an increase of £600,000 in current income from foreign investments was offset by a decrease of no less than £1,293,000 in the income from other leading sources." The larger figure should read £1,893,000. The amount £1,293,000 is, of course, the net decrease in the total concerned. I regret the error, which I believe occurred in my typescript.—Yours, etc.,

M. R. J. EATON.

January 8th, 1942.

"A SOCIALISTIC NEW ORDER"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway, is to-day reported as saying that we "should beware of creating panic, or of allowing the present emergency to be used as propaganda material for a socialistic new order, under which the poor lived in barracks and were fed in communal kitchens, and the higher class of officials lived in hotels, and nobody had the right to a home or any privacy."

May I remind His Lordship that in this Christian country of ours the average citizen has not so much as a room of his own. So much for privacy among the poor. Then, too, when the public authority in this Christian State has full charge of the poor they are fed communally, housed in barracks (called unions, or, better still, homes), and the mother is separated from her husband and from her children of over one year for six days in the week. So much for family life.

Finally, I should like respectfully to submit to Dr. Browne that his picture of the poor living in barracks and the higher officials in hotels is no more necessary to socialism than it is essential to Christianity for the higher clergy to live in palaces, or for their poorer parishioners to live in two-room cottages, tenements, or workhouses.—Yours, etc.,

OWEN SHEEHY SKEFFINGTON.

Dublin, January 12th, 1942.

MAGIC

In Jury's Hotel, College Green, last night, a twelve-inch baton of Irish bog oak, tipped with Connemara marble, pushed open the lid of its casket and sailed through space into the hands of a man in evening clothes. This was the way Mr. E. F. Thorpe, founder and outgoing President of the Society of Irish Magicians, lifted the wand of office and handed it to his successor, Mr. E. Dalton, and it formed a fitting curtain to an extremely pleasant evening of magic. The wand was made by an associate member of the Society, Mr. E. F. Smith, and the new President himself made the casket.

Before the presentation a competition for the best effect of the year was held and was won by Mr. C. E. Malcolm. He baffled his audience by putting two sets of ten cards in two envelopes, which he sealed. When the envelopes were opened there were twelve cards in one and eight in the other. He was presented with the President's cup by Mrs. Stapleton. The runner-up was Mr. W. J. Rogers.

Mr. Thorpe, the outgoing President, was presented with a gold signet ring, engraved with his name and years of office.

COURT AND PERSONAL

Captain Viscount Errington, Grenadier Guards, only son of the Earl and Countess of Cromer, was married in London to the Hon. Esmé Harmsworth, younger daughter of Viscount Rothermere and of Mrs. T. A. Hussey.

The infant daughter of Major the Earl of Inchcape and the Countess of Inchcape was christened last week at St. Mary's, Richmond, Yorkshire. The godparents were Mr. George Mann, Mr. Algy Smyth, Lady Bonghey and Miss Denise Maxwell Woosnam.

The Lady Katharine Seymour has succeeded the Lady Delia Peel as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Lady Carew and her infant son have left the nursing home and have returned to Castletown, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

Lord Carew has left Castletown for England.

Captain George Brooke has left Ireland for England.

The engagement is announced between Captain F. W. MacD. Quigley, M.C., the Bombay Grenadiers, eldest son of Major J. H. Quigley, retired, and Mrs. Quigley, of Laracor, Co. Meath, and Marjorie, daughter of Captain F. C. Corbyn, R.N., and Mrs. Corbyn, of 144 Oxford place, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will shortly take place quietly, between John A. Craig, M.D., Assistant C.M.O.H. for Kerry, son of John and the late Mrs. Craig, Manor street, Dublin, and Mary, daughter of Mrs. and the late Michael J. Quinlan, The Kerries, Tralee.

To-day only! . . . . Switzers are offering a limited number of Ladies' Coats in various designs at Special Prices ranging from 42/-.

Early Spring fashions. Brilliantly styled yet inexpensively priced.—The Fashion Shop, 3 Grafton street, Dublin (over Barretts).

Leaders of Fashion in all Spectacle Wear—Dixon and Hempenstall, Grafton street.

Last days of Sale. New goods arriving.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

Stephens & Bourke, Shoemakers, are the Agents for the famous Cantilever shoes.

Marjorie Boland, 86 Grafton street, is still showing Special Lines of Coats, Suits, Wool and Silk Frocks, at greatly Reduced Prices.

TO LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances, Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, or Lastex and Lastestar Stockings, stretching both ways.—Fannin and Co., Ltd., 41 Grafton Street.

Shanley's, Specialists, Baby Linen, Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List—2 Nassau street, Dublin.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—To-day's Historical Picture. **6.5**—Siamsa Chois Teineadh, Peadar O Dubhda. **6.25**—Ceol Rince. **6.40**—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. **6.45**—News. **7.0**—"Ballads without Tunes." **7.20**—Song Recital, Michael O'Higgins (baritone). **7.35**—"Between Ourselves": a practical symposium for women. **7.55**—Weiner: Sonata No. 2, for Violin and Piano, Lorna Thompson and Kitty O'Callaghan. **8.20**—The Diary of Humphry O'Sullivan. **8.50**—The Week's Play: "The Long Road to Ummera," by Frank O'Connor. **9.25**—Irish Radio Orchestra (conductor, Dr. Vincent O'Brien). **10.0**—Gaedhilg. **10.10**—English. **10.30**—Scottish Half-hour.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. **7.15**—Records. **7.30**—Exercises. **7.50**—"Tune for To-day." **7.55**—Prayers. **8.0**—News. **8.15**—The Kitchen Front. **8.20**—Records. **9.0**—A Talk and a Letter. **9.15**—Orchestra. **9.45**—Organ. **10.5**—Schools. **10.15**—Service. **10.30**—Music While You Work. **11.0**—Health Talk. **11.15**—Bach. **11.45**—Orchestra. **12.30**—"Workers' Playtime." **1.0**—News. **1.15**—"Calling All Women." **1.20**—Band. **2.0**—Concert. **2.30**—Mendelssohn. **3.0**—Music While You Work. **3.30**—Orchestra. **4.15**—Fortnight's Films. **4.30**—Orchestra. **5.0**—News in Welsh. **5.5**—Service in Welsh. **5.20**—Children's Hour. **6.0**—News. **6.30**—News in Norwegian. **6.45**—Farming To-Day. **7.5**—"There's a Song About It." **7.35**—"With the Armstrongs Again." **7.50**—Band. **8.30**—"Return to Danger." **9.0**—News. **9.25**—War Commentary. **9.40**—"The Old Town Hall." **10.20**—Service. **10.40**—Orchestra. **11.25**—Band. **12.0**—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reville." **7.0**—News. **7.15**—Records. **8.0**—News. **8.15**—Records. **9.0**—National Songs. **9.15**—Orchestra. **9.45**—Organ. **10.15**—"Just Judy." **10.30**—Music While You Work. **11.0**—Anniversaries. **11.15**—"Dance While You Dust." **11.45**—Orchestra. **12.30**—"The World Goes By." **1.0**—News. **1.15**—Band. **2.0**—"Actors Remember." **2.30**—Orchestra. **3.0**—Music While You Work. **3.30**—Band. **4.0**—Radio Reconnaissance. **4.30**—Orchestra. **5.0**—Chopin. **5.15**—"Ack-Ack, Beer-Beer." **6.0**—News. **6.30**—"The Plums." **6.45**—"Great Guns." **7.20**—"Hitch-Hiking." **7.25**—Henry Hall's Guest Night. **7.55**—The Farmer. **8.20**—"Calling the Australians." **8.30**—"Join In and Sing." **9.0**—News. **9.25**—"Think on These Things." **9.40**—"The Old Town Hall." **10.20**—"Rhymes and Rhythm." **10.50**—Orchestra. **11.25**—Close down.

CORSETS AFFECTED BY RUBBER CONTROL

(BY A WOMAN CORRESPONDENT.)

Corsets and foundation garments of all kinds are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, and the Government's recent Control of Rubber Order has affected supplies considerably.

The elactic garments are made from knit rubber strands, which previously had to be imported from America under bond. Further supplies for the making of underwear are unlikely, and the present stocks in the country are extremely low, according to a well-known Dublin retailer.

It is unlikely that Irish manufacturers of corsets will be able to supply garments in anything like their former quantities.

Some months ago an article appeared in these columns concerning steel used in the manufacture of the laced type of corset. At that time, the supplies were running short, but the position is very much worse now. Manufacturers are being allowed only 10 per cent. of their former quantities of steel. Steel is also an essential for suspenders, and, as it cannot be obtained, buttons are being used as a substitute.

Nothing is known as yet of any synthetic material being used as a substitute for rubber, and women, therefore, will have to make the best of what limited choice the shops have to offer them.

OBITUARY

MR. A. H. ALLEN

The death occurred yesterday at his residence, Marville, Cove, of Mr. Atwell Hayes Allen, solicitor, who for more than fifty years was a prominent figure in Irish law and yachting circles. Head of Messrs. A. H. Allen and Sons, solicitors, of Cove and Dublin, he was admitted to the Society of Attorneys and Solicitors in 1877, and entered his father's business. As its head he became one of the leading Irish authorities on shipping, salvage and collisions at sea, and had figured in many important cases. He was a member of the Royal Cork Yacht Club, acting for a time as its secretary, was owner of several successful yachts, and was regarded as one of the best amateur yachtsmen in Southern Ireland. Among several successful boats owned by him were Papoose, and the cutter Sybil, the last-named being a regular competitor in the annual Dublin-Holyhead ocean race.

Miss Henrietta Julia Byrne, late of 5 Rus-in-Urbe terrace, Glenageary road, Dun Laoghaire, who died on July 23rd last, left £2,639.

Mr. James Troy, late of Ballymahon, County Longford, who died on July 24th last, left £1,207.

Miss Margaret Mary Gilsenan, late of 8 Clarinda Park, North, Dun Laoghaire, who died on August 23rd last, left £1,124.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

IRISH salmon exports have jumped up tremendously in quantity as well as in value—£130,000 to £500,000—in recent years. This prompts the possibility of more orderly marketing arrangements. At Manchester provision market a few days ago the price asked was 14s. per lb., too high for the average buyers. A later reduction to 11s. cleared some lots. No less than £1 to 25s. per lb. was being asked in London for Irish salmon last week. Of course, the prices are based purely on "scarcity" value, as in the case of such luxuries as early strawberries. The situation is that Ireland has one or two rivers open before the salmon season begins on any river in England and Scotland.

Heavy Tax Work

Income-tax work is increasing at such a rapid rate that tax staffs due to be released for the forces

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DEVEREUX MURDER CHARGE

Habeas Corpus Motion

BEFORE the President of the High Court, Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy and Mr. Justice Martin Maguire yesterday, the hearing of the habeas corpus and prohibition application in respect of four men, who are charged with the murder of Michael Devereux, petrol salesman, Wexford, was continued, and adjourned until to-day.

Devereux's body, with a bullet in the head, was found beneath a heap of stones on the slopes of Slievenamon last September.

The application was for an order of *habeas corpus* directed to the Governor of Arbour Hill Military Detention Barracks for the production before the Court of George Plant, Fethard, County Tipperary; Joseph O'Connor, Kilmanahan, Brosna, County Kerry; Patrick Davern, Ninemilehouse, County Tipperary, and Michael Walsh, Kilmacow, County Kilkenny; and an order prohibiting the Military Court from proceeding with their trial on a charge of the murder of Devereux on September 28, 1940.

Mr. Lavery, K.C., and Mr. Sean MacBride (instructed by Messrs. Kennedy and McGonagle) appeared for Michael Walsh; Mr. Sean MacBride (instructed by Messrs. Lehane and Hogan) for the other accused men; and Mr. Joseph A. McCarthy, K.C., Mr. R. McLoughlin, K.C., and Mr. George D. Murnaghan (instructed by Mr. J. A. Geary, of the Chief State Solicitor's Office) for the Governor of Arbour Hill Military Detention Barracks and the Attorney-General.

"REGRETTABLE THING"

Resuming his argument, Mr. Lavery said that the issues involved in this case went far beyond the immediate interests of the parties, which were serious enough. If Emergency Powers Order 1F (under which the men had been sent for trial by a Military Court), and Order 139 (relating to the admission of statements as evidence) were supported, the rule of law was at an end during the emergency, and without the Government having abolished or closed the Courts or impaired their authority, the Courts themselves would be impairing their authority if they did not see that the rule of law was maintained so long as the Government left the authority of the Courts unimpaired. The Government, which had been given no judicial power, had stepped in, and—apparently for the purpose of preventing the Military Court from doing what the Special Criminal Court, with the Attorney-General's consent, was prepared to do, and had ordered to be done—ordered that these four men were to be tried together.

There could be no doubt—a regrettable thing he, at any rate, considered to have to say—that the trial was discontinued in order that the law might be changed, and that these men, two of whom had stood their trial, at best should be tried under an altered law—in reality, should be brought before a tribunal which had "no right to call itself a court giving a trial at all." Those were the undoubted facts of the situation.

The attitude of the Government and its legal advisers apparently is that if a case—be it civil or criminal—in which the State is a party or even in respect of which the State is not a party, but likes to support one of the parties—even is at trial, the trial may be stopped and the law changed, and the accused brought to trial under the altered law.

"VIOLATION OF JUSTICE"

"I am merely stating now what has been done, not what might be done," he added. It was a very serious state of affairs, because, apart from the force which the Constitution might have at law, one might reasonably expect that the Government and its officers would act in the spirit of the Constitution. He did not think there could be any doubt that the course which he had described, and which unquestionably was the course of events in that case, was not only a violation of the letter and the terms of the Constitution, but a violation of the spirit of the Constitution and of the essentials of natural justice as understood in this or any other civilised country of which he knew from time immemorial.

"This Court," he added, "is composed of laymen, who have no knowledge of the rules of evidence—a knowledge which, at any rate in the future, if this Court continues, would be an incumbrance to have, because a knowledge of the law of evidence will now be in the way of this Court; it will be helpless mental baggage. They will be better equipped for their task if they are completely ignorant of these rules."

Mr. Lavery spoke of "a Government using alleged governmental powers to deprive these men of their right to a separate trial which the Court, before which they had been brought, had accorded them." An expressed provision had been made that where two or more persons were tried together, a statement of one might be acted upon by the Court as evidence against all. These were specific provisions which would have a general application to all cases which might hereafter be brought before a Military Court. That was of great importance, but so far it looked very like as if these provisions were made directly with an eye upon the present case; by governmental action to deprive these men of their ordinary rights as citizens to be tried in accordance with law, even though they were to be tried by a Special Court, called a Military Court, in summary manner.

Mr. Lavery, in reply to Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy, said that there was nothing in the shape of a Judge Advocate. As he read Order 139 the Court did not need to know the rules of evidence. They were better without any knowledge of them. One rule of evidence was that an accused person might give evidence in his own defence. The Military Court might think it improper to allow that. This particular Court might not do it, but some other Court, in some other circumstances, might do it. He would not like to call the stage now reached the "thin edge of the wedge." It began a considerable time ago, but when were the Courts going to cry halt? The Court might refuse an accused person the right to give evidence in his own defence.

Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy asked would that not be very much to his advatnage in certain cases.

Mr. Lavery said that he did not think these would be the cases in which he would not be allowed to give evidence.

HEARING HEARSAY

Mr. Lavery said that he was not asking the Court to assume that the Military Court would be unreasonable. It was sufficient for his argument if the Court might be unreasonable. It was required to be unreasonable, to hear matters which were not evidence, to hear hearsay upon hearsay, and it was bound to listen to various gossip.

On his construction of the Order, if a policeman made a statement that somebody told him, another policeman recorded it, and he acknowledged it, that statement could be read without calling that policeman. Persons brought before this Court might receive mercy; they might even receive justice, but they had no right to it. That was where this Court failed to be a Court, because in it an accused person enjoyed no rights. The essentials of justice were completely disregarded by the terms of Order 139.

Mr. Justice Martin Maguire—We know nothing about these statements whatever, and to ask us to anticipate that this Court will behave in a way that would outrage every sense of justice is asking too much. It does occur to me that the greater part of your very strong and very vigorous argument relates to whatever weight may be attached to these statements by the Court. It very often happens that by reason of some technical law a statement has to be properly excluded in certain cases, which, if it were not for some reason governed by legal principles by which they must be excluded, would be of great assistance. It may be such a statement. I do not know.

Mr. Lavery—I am not concerned about any statement in this particular case. I am concerned with the nature of the Court that is going to try me with these powers.

WITNESSES' REFUSAL

Mr Justice Martin Maguire said that he found in one of the affidavits relating to the trial at the Special Criminal Court that three witnesses refused to give evidence and that two of them refused to be sworn. Was there any reason given at the trial for not giving evidence?

Mr. Lavery—Not that I know of.

Mr. Justice Martin Maguire—So the matter rests there. They simply refused to give evidence.

Mr. Lavery said that, if the right that was claimed was one that could be exercised, then the normal course of criminal procedure in the future must be expected to be that the Attorney-General, if he had failed in his proofs, if a case had been presented on the wrong basis, or if his witnesses had broken down, could stop the trial and start again. He ventured to think that it was a fundamental principle of law that no man could be put in peril twice for the same offence.

Considering Order 139 in relation to the preamble of the present Constitution, Mr. MacBride, who followed on the same side, asked the Court to say that a Military Court—whose appointment was at the hands of a political Executive, and subject to the whims of a political Executive—vested with powers of life and death over others, without trial under any rule of law or rule of evidence, was not in accordance with the object set out in the preamble to the Constitution: that the common good was to be promoted with due observance of prudence, justice and charity. He did not suggest that a political Executive would abuse their powers, but Governments were not everlasting, and circumstances changed. In this case, he submitted, these powers had been abused already.

MORE ABOUT MALAYA

ALLIED FORCES OUTNUMBERED

By Our Military Correspondent.

NAPOLEON once attributed his own victories to the fact that his adversaries "saw too many things at one time." St. Thomas Aquinas, treating of philosophic disputation, said: "I fear the man of one book." In yet another sphere, Mark Twain said it was wrong to distribute one's eggs amongst a number of baskets: "Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch that basket." Finally, Carlyle, in his "Frederick," describes how very vital it is for a commander, "uncertain of so many things, to be certain of himself, for one thing." We are to-day witnessing striking proof of the soundness of such pronouncements.

Affairs have gone so badly for the Allies in the Far East that public opinion in Britain is very seriously perturbed. Not merely is the man in the street puzzled and worried, but responsible statesmen and military commentators have allowed their better judgment to be warped. There has been one notable exception—the First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Alexander has said that "Britain should never take her eyes off the centre of the Axis Powers in Europe." His second statement, "We can do what we like with Japan afterwards," is very much more open to question, and would seem to argue a serious ignorance of Japanese history. However, we can let it pass for the time being—for the perfect reason that the "afterwards" has not yet appeared over the horizon.

DIVE-BOMBERS

According to their *communiqué* of last Friday: "In the battle for Trolak the Japanese captured 68 guns, 50 light armoured cars, and 500 cars and motor cycles." To judge by General Freyberg's report of a month ago, a total amount of additional material would certainly have made the Libyan victory quite decisive before Christmas—it nearly was, even lacking it. As it is, the Axis Commander successfully continues to evade pinning down, covering his communications as he retreats. Indeed, the detachments in Northern Malaya would seem from the latest reports to be dangerously adventured: "outnumbered by four to one and mercilessly harried by waves of dive-bombers, which swept over unopposed."

What, then, should have been done? For it is obvious that the effectives could not possibly have been quadrupled—in either men or material. So, it would seem, the only thing was to cut losses—and cut them drastically. Naval fortresses of the first class are impregnable from seaward—if defended at all. We have a—literally—every-day proof, in the case of Malta, that local aerial protection can be installed against even a much more formidable scale of attack than any the Japanese could, as yet, bring to bear against Singapore. There remains the land-side covering of the place, and it is this we now must examine into.

FORTIFIED LINES

The land-side protection of a great naval harbour (sea and air being assumed locally safe) requires that hostile heavy guns shall be held off, outside range of the docks and harbour installations. It also requires immunity from tank assault, but Singapore possesses this in the shape of Johore Strait. What was required, then, was a permanent fortified line—quite a short affair—on the Johore mainland. Torres Vedras or Chataldja would be the type. Such a position calls for a numerous and good garrison of infantry, artillery, engineers, signallers, etc.

But, in this context, "numerous" is a relative term. At Port Arthur, in 1904-5, 50,000 Russians held the fortress for eight months—killing during that time more than their own numbers of Japanese. Sebastopol held for eleven months—being un-isolated, as Singapore must also inevitably be. What, precisely, is the type and quality of the works on the Johore mainland we do not know—although we must presume that the Japanese do. One thing is certain: they are straining every nerve to get to grips with them at the earliest possible moment. At all events, a defence along these lines was feasible and economical. It has to be adopted now, and it would have been far preferable to assume it deliberately, rather than constrained by a succession of fairly considerable defeats.

JAPANESE PLANS

To date some fifteen airfields have been lost in Malaya—but Singapore itself has not been seriously interfered with from the air during the first month of war. Neither has there been any indication of an intention to attack the place by sea. Indeed, the Japanese are fighting the British mainly with their land forces, while keeping the navy in readiness to counter the Americans.

On January 7th American reports gave the following as the composition of the Japanese fleet at Davao: One battleship, five cruisers, six destroyers, twelve submarines, twelve transports. These last may have been fleet auxiliaries or carrying troops to make good a shore base. The "battleship" was, in all probability, one of the remaining battle-cruisers; so that the ensemble had all the appearance of an advanced guard—a sort of strategic one—capable of getting touch with any American attempt to work round into Singapore from the East along the Dutch islands. Davao, in the extreme south of the Philippines, is well placed for this purpose—and also for a stroke at the eastern, oil-producing coast of Borneo—which last seems to have been the choice actually made.

U.S. OFFENSIVE

Apart from the operations concerned with the reduction of Luzon Island, the Japanese do not appear to propose exerting any serious military effort on the American flank. They are striving to make the most they can of the immense distances in question. Their hope is that—by the time the U.S.A. can really take the offensive—their own general strategic position will be so far improved that they might hope to stand off any attack, however powerful. If Singapore should fall, this might easily prove possible.

China has, latterly, come so much into the picture that it seems desirable to outline briefly the military situation in that vast country. The topography can be most readily grasped from the homely simile of a large, flat soda-cake, divided into quadrants, as such cakes are—or were. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum!* One of the diameters marking off the quadrants runs due north-south, and consists of the railways from Peking and Canton. The other diameter—*i.e.*, the Yangtse River—runs from west to east, or from Chunking to Shanghai. The point of intersection—the exact centre of China is Wu-Han—the collection of the three great cities of Hankow, Hanyang and Woochang. The "cake" measures, approximately, two thousand miles across. Practically every other place of importance can be indicated by reference to those named above.

CHINESE ACTIVITY

Strategically, we might say that Japan controls the N.E. quadrant—*i.e.*, Peking-Wu-Han-Shanghai, whereas the rest of the country is largely subject to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek. This, of course, is only an approximation; but it is a useful rough guide. Japan, in point of fact, controls numerous cities, ports, communication-centres, navigable rivers and railways—though this, too, is subject to qualification. And, naturally, the existence of numerous guerrilla Chinese forces—more or less everywhere—puts anything like a "front" out of the question, except very loosely speaking.

Changsha, where the Japanese have certainly met with a reverse recently, is about one-third of the way down the railway from Wu-Han to Canton. Another railway runs to the N.E. by Nanchang to Shanghai.

The Japanese had moved southwards from the Yangtse to seize this important centre, but they appear to have been heavily outnumbered, and compelled to retreat. Other Chinese forces are active near Hangchow, S.W. of Shanghai, and yet others around Canton. It would seem to be the merest commonsense for her A.B. partners to assist China to develop her attack on these continental bases of Japan.

As to the Inter-Allied Command, some further information has been issued which indicates a very sound outlook. For example, Batavia is by far the most suitable centre to be Command Post for General Wavell and his Staff. A look at the map is enough to make this perfectly clear. Again, it was wise to exclude India and Australia from the General's province. General Wavell's is primarily and essentially a fighting front. Australia and India are—for the present, anyway—zones of replacement and supply.

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